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January the First

My deep resolve, this New Year's Day,
As written on a page of life,
Will be with honest heart to pray
The world be cleansed of hate and strife.

Nor shall my resolution end
In phrases empty as the air—
The stranger shall become my friend,
Not less in deed than in my prayer.

There shall be neither east nor west,
Nor mountain range, nor ocean tide,
Where there is hunger in the breast
For that which my hands may provide.

To human need I pledge my part
This New Year's Day in loyal pact—
Lord, may the motive in my heart
Find no betrayal in the act.

—E. J. Pratt (By permission of the author).

Editorial

An Excellent Report from the Far East

ON December 3rd the Council Executive welcomed Rev. James MacKay, D.D., Convener of the General Board of Missions, who came to tell of the work actually being done on the mission fields he had visited during recent months.

Tribute was paid to the fine work of the Christian Literature office in Shanghai, which was, indeed, worthy of support, and of the Language School where our missionaries study in Pekin. In Manchuria the native workers in our Mission have for five years received their training at the Irish Presbyterian School, to which no grant has been made by our Church. An increasing number of workers will have to be trained, or their training paid for in other schools. Splendid work is being carried on in Manchuria, where the foundations were so well laid by Dr. and Mrs. Goforth. Mr. Reoch's native workers and Bible women are rendering wonderful service in the country districts. Dr. MacKay was deeply impressed by the size and enthusiasm of meetings he attended. A church which had been enlarged three times in one year was packed to the doors, while as large a crowd stood outside. Elsewhere he found the same enthusiasm and the same joy in singing hymns and hearing the Gospel message, even in surroundings unpleasant in the extreme. Especially fine, in Dr. MacKay's opinion, is the mission work which Mr. and Mrs. Davis are doing in and about Taonan. In the degrading conditions of that city, our Church exerts the only uplifting influence. More missionaries are needed; while appreciating the difficulty of the Church at home, the people feel, as one young pastor said, that nowhere can the need be greater than in Manchuria, where the only God so many people have to worship is a little idol.

Dr. MacKay was warmly welcomed in Formosa, where just as fine work is being done by the missionaries. In the earthquake area government engineers are directing the re-building of towns, so that in the end the earthquake may prove to have been a blessing in disguise. The people are willing to build churches themselves—they have already built five. The houses built with money given by our Church and the Women's Missionary Society are not pretentious but better than those built by the government; in both cases, each long house accommodates many families, but the former have partitions separating one family from another, while the government houses have no partitions. The people, Dr. MacKay found, are exceedingly grateful for what the Church has done. The situation with regard to schools and hospitals in Formosa is changing rapidly, with the opening of Japanese institutions with modern equipment and well trained staffs. Dr. Taylor is doing splendid work in the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony.

Our Society's missionaries in Japan are, Dr. MacKay said, deserving of the highest praise. Work is being carried on mainly in six large cities, each with from two to five churches in charge of native pastors and Bible women. In spite of the fact that most of the churches have been built on cheap sites on back streets the congregations are as large as in Manchuria. From the home Church, the Koreans in Japan ask only loans, not grants, for the building of churches. A year ago in Yokohama there was no native pastor, just one Bible woman. Since a pastor was sent in, the work has grown until now there are two churches and three other preaching stations. While little is heard of the work in Japan, Dr. MacKay found among the Koreans there as remarkable a revival as in Manchuria. It is the responsibility of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to take advantage of the great opportunity to give the Gospel of Christ.

The Message of a Great Missionary Leader

A RECENT visitor to Toronto was Mr. Basil Mathews, of London, England, author and missionary leader, and lecturer on Christian Relations in Boston University School of Theology and the Andover Newton Theological Institute, who came to deliver the first Alfred Gandier lectures on Foreign Missions at Emmanuel College. He spoke also at the School of Missions and at the Sunday morning service in Convocation Hall. In the latter address he challenged his hearers, especially the students present, to ''adventure toward a new world order''. Throughout the world there are to-day revolutionary movements such as have never before been known. Everywhere there is the breaking down of the past and the bursting forth of the new. In these movements whose aim is to build a new world, Communism, Fascism, and Nationalism become substitutes for religion. The political and economic revolution in Russia is but one part of the greater world revolution; young Russians are chanting enthusiastically: *We are changing the world,* while students are preparing to go forth as apostles of the new world order. It is not the heroic in Communism that appeals so strongly to the young, but rather the clear plan it has formulated for building a new world. Mr. Mathews would remind Christians that Communism would never have triumphed in Russia, if Russian Christianity had been true to Christ and the Sermon on the Mount. In the same way, the Nationalists of Germany, Italy, China, and Japan feel that they have a divine mission to exalt their own nation, even to the point of excluding God from it. They are ready to dedicate themselves to a service which demands their absolute loyalty and obedience.

Such revolutionary movements, communistic, fascist, or nationalist, are, in Mr. Mathew's opinion, limited in their range; they do not go beyond the material. There can, then, be no real salvation in them. If, as Christians believe, the ultimate reality is spiritual, there must be in Christianity a far more profound revolutionary power. The final reality, he said, is love and justice. The face in which we see life is the face of Him who took on Himself all our weaknesses. With release from futility, wrong habits, limited vision, and loneliness, He would give power, freedom, comradeship. Throughout the world is a Church which is the community of God, committed to the task of giving the Gospel to all peoples, thus building a new world with new human relationships—justice, love, and fellowship. The youth of this generation, if they are to call themselves by the name of Christ, must share in this world-wide revolution. Conscious of power given to them, catching the vision of immediate opportunity, it is for Christians to dedicate themselves to that great work, saying with Browning's Paracelsus:

''I can devote myself; I have a life
To give.''

A Former Member of the Board

IT was with sincere regret that the members of the Women's Missionary Society learned of the death of Mrs. W. T. Ellison, the widow of the late Rev. W. T. Ellison, of Alliston and Southampton. After coming to Toronto, she was for a time a member of the Council Executive, but upon the death of her son felt it necessary to withdraw from that work. The funeral service was conducted by the ministers of the two congregations in which she had been a very faithful worker—Rev. A. C. Stewart, of Chalmer's Church, and Rev. R. C. McDermid, of St. Paul's. The sympathy of the members of the Society is extended to her sister, Dr. Ida Lynd, and other friends.

A Generous Gift

THE members of the Council Executive are deeply appreciative of the generosity of the women of our Chinese Mission in Toronto in giving thirty dollars from the proceeds of their bazaar, to be used for the work of the Women's Missionary Society. Usually their money has been sent back to China, so that this gift to the general work of the Society is very gratefully received.

Foreign Missions Conference of North America

AT Asbury Park, New Jersey, on January 8-10, 1936, will be held the forty-third Foreign Missions Conference of North America, of which Dr. John Mott is President, and Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Toronto, Vice-President. The Women's Committee will meet on January 7th. The theme of the Conference is: The World To-day and the Missionary Imperative. It is hoped that Dr. Kagawa may be present for, at least, one session, and that the Archbishop of York will attend the closing session. Several delegates to the Quadrennial Student Volunteer Convention in Indianapolis will speak. It is proposed to add the National Student Council of the Young Men's Association and the Young Women's Association, as well as the Student Christian Movement of Canada, to the membership of the Conference.

Unfurling of Flags

A DAY long to be remembered in the history of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario, was October 20th, when a large congregation of members and friends joined in the service for the unfurling of two flags which had been presented to the Church,—a British flag given by the Canadian Club of Hamilton and a Hungarian one sent to them from Hungary and beautifully embroidered by two women of the congregation. His Honour Dr. H. A. Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and Mrs. Bruce were present, with many Church leaders and representatives of the

Canadian Club and of the Hungarian groups in Caledonia, Welland, Windsor and Toronto. Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Mrs. D. Strachan represented the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society.

Rev. Frank Kovacs, pastor of the Church, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Charles Kovacs, Rev. F. Nagy, Rev. A. Peter, Rev. J. Molnar, and Rev. C. L. Cowan. Rev. A. A. Feldman, Hungarian Rabbi of Hamilton, in an able address, maintained that the loyalty of the Hungarian Canadian to his adopted country and his love for it was in no way weakened, but rather strengthened, by his loyalty to his native land; the two loyalties could exist together like a man's love for his mother and his love for his wife. Col. McCulloch, Honorary President of the Canadian Club, after speaking of the Union Jack and its history, paid tribute to the loyalty of the Hungarians in Canada and to the value of their contribution to the life of this country.

After the unfurling of the two flags, Dr. Bruce drew attention to the British flag as the emblem of the democratic empire into which those of other races are welcomed in Canada where the same process is going on in making a nation out of many racial elements. He greeted the Hungarians as fellow-citizens; they were not asked to forget their native land or its history, but in helping to build up a better country here they would find true enrichment and abiding satisfaction. As the representative of the King, Dr. Bruce bade them welcome.

Rev. William Barclay compared the work of the new communities to the forging of metal,—the English equivalent for Mr. Kovacs' name being *Smith,*—what was good in the Hungarian was being combined with the good in the Canadian to make a richer nation. The priest of the Hungarian Catholic Church in Toronto brought greetings from the Hungarian Catholics of Ontario and assured Mr. Kovacs and his congregation of his willingness to co-operate with them in any matters affecting the Hungarians in Canada. The spirit of tolerance displayed and the sincere desire of all to work together for the common good must have impressed those who attended this service.

To Contributors

AT the beginning of this year an effort is again being made to have the *Glad Tidings* reach the subscribers at the beginning of the month. This can be accomplished if all concerned are willing to co-operate, but only on that condition. Will all those, then, who have material for insertion in the magazine be good enough to have it in the hands of the editor by the 25th of the month preceding the date of issue? That is, all material for the March number should be in our office not later than January 25th. Consequently, Provincial Press Secretaries must receive their news well before that date, for theirs is the task of condensing the material so that all important items may come within the space which the Council allotted to each province,—one page (five hundred words), except in the case of Ontario, which, because of the large number of Auxiliaries, is allowed two pages. We will endeavour to have all Provincial news of general interest to the whole Society find a place in the *Glad Tidings,* while the local press is usually very generous in giving space to material of special interest to the community it serves.

On the inside back cover will be found the names and addresses of Provincial Lantern Slide Secretaries, to whom application should be made for the use of slides.

A Call To Prayer

IN 1920 women of all denominations in Canada and the United States observed a Day of Prayer for Missions, which led, seven years later, to the first World Day of Prayer. In 1935 Christians of more than fifty countries united in prayer, pledging themselves to the task of bearing one another's burdens. On February 28th of this year people of every country are invited to join in a world-wide fellowship of worship and prayer, with the theme: ''On Earth Peace, Goodwill toward Men.'' Senorita Laura Jorquera, of Santiago, Chile, who prepared the programme which is being adapted for use throughout the world, is the President of the Council of Presbyterian Women of Chile, and is active in the Young Women's Christian Association, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and in the Sunday School and other departments of Church work. At the request of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, the Service of Worship for Youth on the theme, ''Lead Us, O Father, in the Paths of Peace,'' was prepared by Miss O. Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and Secretary of the Promotion Committee of the National Girls' Work Board.

A call goes forth to all women to prepare for this World Day of Prayer.

''Let us thank God for the growing and deepening consciousness of the need for peace, and for the personal knowledge of Him who brings peace on earth.

''Let us ask our Father to bless all peoples and their governments in their efforts to secure peace; may nations reconsider their ways and prepare for peace.

''Let us pray for the missionary enterprise and for all who share therein.

''Let us pray that the Church as the body of Christ may stand firm against race discrimination, social injustice, and war.

''Let us pray that we as individuals may be willing to walk the Way of the Cross to secure peace in this our day.''

Estimates For 1936

MRS. D. STRACHAN

THE estimates which follow this article were passed by Council Executive at its meeting on November 26th. Practically all the session was given over to their consideration, this in addition to all the work the various committees did before sending them to the Finance Committee which also did much work.

Council set the estimate for 1936 at $160,000, the same as for 1935.

It is well to remember, however, that in 1934 we raised only $145,386.25 and spent $147,767.83. Can we look for an increase in givings for 1935 of $14,614? Well, if we cannot in 1935, let us make a brave effort to raise $160,000 in 1936.

When the Finance Committee added all the amounts sent on to them by the different Secretaries and committees the total amount was found to be $168,760 without expansion, which meant that a reduction of $8,760 must be made. This was a hard task. It showed the increasing difficulty of maintaining the established work of the Society at $160,000. The Finance Committee had also to keep in mind that the National work had been lessened by the closing of South Porcupine Hospital, the ''Lucy Baker'' Residence, Prince Albert, the Girls' Residence, Vegreville, and the loss of one deaconess, and the Overseas work by our withdrawal from the work of Hackett Medical College. The total estimate struck was $170,080, but of this amount $10,080 is provided for in the Legacy and Special accounts for buildings and advance work, which leaves $160,000 to be raised by Provincials and individual subscriptions.

In the National work it must be noted that at ''Hugh Waddell'' Hospital, Canora, no estimate for coal is asked, but both there and at ''Rolland M. Boswell'' Hospital, Vegreville, the salary of another nurse is asked. This is because of an increased volume of work. Repairs have also to be made to the water tank at Canora. Saskatoon Residence is also able for next year to take over all expense except the Superintendent's salary and local improvement tax. At New Liskeard and Huntingdon the estimate is increased because of having to bear the full cost of some of the students. The estimate for kindergarten work in the Chinese work has been increased slightly at two points because of increased attendance. The estimate for the Indian work and Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department remains the same. Expansion in the last department was asked for and is much needed, but no provision could be made unless by a rearrangement of workers. At Brownvale it will be noted that expenses are less than elsewhere, because part of the expense is paid locally.

Some expansion is allowed in the National work and Quebec Provincial urgently asked for a port worker at Quebec for the summer months and provision has been made for this. The Executive are glad that this is possible, not only because of the necessity of the work, but because it provides summer work for our student deaconesses. Two hundred dollars has also been allowed that some work may be done among the Anglo-Chinese women in Toronto. The sum of $3,200 is also provided for extension work in the West, either in small hospital units or residences. This money is available because of the sale of South Porcupine Hospital and money on hand in Special fund from school residence sale and rearrangement.

Turning now to the Overseas work, it is to be noted that in the Bhil field, India, the Evangelistic and Educational estimates are increased, which is because of the new buildings which are nearly completed; the same is true in Jhansi where the opening of the new hostel and an increased number of pupils in the school means increased expense. It is deeply to be regretted that a reduction of $1,000 has to be made in each field. In Formosa it will be noted that Miss Chisholm's salary is reduced. This is because she has been compelled to ask a six months' extension of her furlough. Miss Newbury is Acting Principal of the Girls' School, Tamsui; she was secured in Japan and is on a special contract. In Formosa, too, a reduction of $400 has been made.

Turning to China, the grant to Christian Literature is increased by $50, but the estimate for Hackett Medical College is out altogether. Dr. Jessie MacBean is not able to return to her work and after March 31st, 1936, will go on special pension. It was felt that, without a representative, the grant to the College could not be continued next year and so very sadly our connection with that work is severed. Work among the Koreans in Japan was also reduced by $245. It is good to see an estimate this year for our new missionary in British Guiana.

There is some expansion in the Overseas fields. In India money is allowed from the Legacy Fund to complete and furnish the new Girls' Hostel in Jhansi and the Training Home in the Bhil field. Electric light is also to be installed in the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home; the money has been given specially for this by legacies left to Auxiliaries and by money received from friends. In Japan $2,660 is being allowed for the establishment of Medical Health work which has so long been asked for and which it is hoped may be realized in 1936. The money for this is to be taken from the accumulated interest of the Formosa Forward Movement Fund which Council Executive ordered should be used for this purpose.

The Publications estimate is increased slightly because of the demands made on it by other departments of work and is a sign of growth.

In the Organizations Department both Secretaries are to go to the

West next year so the amount required for travel is increased slightly.

In Miscellaneous the amount for pensions is increased by the addition of a special pension and by new missionaries coming on the rates. An amount is also allowed for a Council Meeting in 1936. What form this will take is uncertain as yet. Next year is also a heavy year for insurance premiums.

This then is the story in condensed form of the 1936 estimates. When they were accepted by Council Executive it was with the proviso that, if necessary, they would be subject to revision when the income of the Society for 1935 was known.

Figures may be bald, but they represent the heart and soul of the work, the work being carried on by our splendid missionaries at home and abroad. These estimates are presented with thankfulness that we can do as much, humility that we can do no more, and sorrow that some of the work we have loved to do is closed.

W. M. S. ESTIMATES FOR 1936

NATIONAL MISSIONS

HOSPITALS

"Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Five Nurses' Salaries	3,770.00	
Relief Nurse	450.00	
Repairing Water Tank	300.00	
		$5,720.00

"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Three Nurses' Salaries	2,280.00	
Relief Nurse, Salary	300.00	
Repairs	100.00	
		$3,880.00
		$9,600.00

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Que.—

Miss Agnes I. Dickson, Salary	$1,000.00	
Expenses and Room Rent	410.00	
Travelling and Substitute	100.00	
Miss Elsie Lee	360.00	
Mrs. J. Herman, Salary (part time)	420.00	
Equipment	30.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	200.00	
		$2,520.00

Brockville, Ont.—

Miss H. W. Davies, Honorarium and Expenses		$ 225.00

Toronto, Ont.—

Miss Esther Armstrong, Salary	$960.00	
Miss Lily Yeung, Salary	720.00	
Miss Lambert, Salary (part time)	240.00	
Mrs. Ma, Honorarium	100.00	
Expenses and Supplies (kindergarten)	250.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	300.00	
Bible Vacation School	20.00	
	$2,590.00	
Less Amount Received as Special Gift	240.00	
		$2,350.00

Vancouver, B.C.—

Miss Ruth Yeandle, Salary	$960.00	
Mrs. G. P. Louie, Salary	720.00	
Supplies and Expenses for Two Workers	250.00	
Rent of Chinese Presbyterian Church	200.00	
		$2,130.00

Victoria, B.C.—

Miss G. Scott, Salary	$1,060.00	
Miss Grace Lee, Salary	840.00	
Expenses and Supplies	25.00	
		$1,925.00
Chinese Literature for Saskatchewan		50.00
		$9,200.00

EDUCATIONAL—PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENCES

New Liskeard, Ont.—

Superintendent's Salary	$850.00	
Taxes	350.00	
Coal, Maintenance and Repairs	550.00	
		$1750.00

Saskatoon, Sask.—

Superintendent's Salary	$900.00	
Local Improvements Tax	60.00	
		$960.00

Huntingdon, Que.—

Superintendent's Salary	$900.00	
Coal and Maintenance	650.00	
School Fees and Board	250.00	
		$1,800.00

Vegreville, Alta.—

Superintendent's Salary	$ 770.00	
House Help	500.00	
Taxes	550.00	
Maintenance	1,200.00	
		$3,020.00
		$7,530.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Man.—

Principal's Salary	$1,350.00	
Matron's Salary	500.00	
Two Teachers' Salaries	1,300.00	
Assistant Matrons (two) Salaries	1,150.00	
Laundry Matron	500.00	
Nurse's Salary	500.00	
Engineer's Salary	600.00	
Water, Light and Fuel	1,225.00	
Taxes on Farm	53.00	
		$7,178.00

Mistawasis, Sask.—

Teacher's Salary, Paid by Government	......	
Board of Children	$150.00	
Maintenance and Fuel	350.00	
		$ 500.00

"Cecilia Jeffrey" Kenora, Ont.—

Principal's Salary	$1,350.00	
Matron's Salary	600.00	
Nurse's Salary	720.00	
Three Teachers' Salaries	2,210.00	
Sewing Matron's Salary	500.00	
Engineer's Salary	720.00	
Water, Light and Fuel	1,200.00	
		$7,300.00
Contingency		120.00
		$15,098.00

WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

Toronto, Ont.—

Miss Mary Murray, Hospital Visitor, Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Mrs. C. Steinmetz, Salary (part time) (Hungarian Work)	600.00	
Expenses	57.50	
Mrs. M. Fesenko, Salary (part time) (Ukrainian Work)	480.00	
Expenses	57.50	
Miss Mabel Booth, Salary (part time to Sept. 1st, and full salary thereafter)	640.00	
Expenses	85.00	
		$3,240.00

Hamilton, Ont.—

Miss M. Allan, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Mrs. Frank Kovacs, Salary (part time) (Hungarian Work)	480.00	
Expenses	57.50	
		$1,707.50

Montreal, Que.—		
Miss Iris Munro, Port Worker, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	135.00	
		$1,195.00
Winnipeg, Man.—		
Miss Hazel Macdonald, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00
Saskatoon, Sask.—		
Miss Helen Ross, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00
Regina, Sask.—		
Miss L. Macarthur, Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,320.00
Red Deer, Alta.—		
Miss Frieda Matthews, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		$1,210.00
Wanham, Alta.—		
Miss Margaret Grigor, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		$1,210.00
Brownvale, Alta.—		
Miss Mary Todd, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses (part)	30.00	
		$ 990.00
Vancouver, B.C.—		
Miss Roberta Smith, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00
Westminster, B.C.—		
Miss S. V. Scott, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,170.00
Contingency		100.00
Grant to Fresh Air Camp		100.00
		$15,452.50

SUPPLIES

Department Expenditures	$1,400.00
TOTAL FOR NATIONAL MISSIONS	$58,280.50

EXPANSION

Building and Furnishings	$3,200.00	
Port Worker, Salary and Expenses (4 months)	340.00	
Work Among the Anglo-Chinese in Toronto	200.00	
		$3,740.00
TOTAL INCLUDING EXPANSION FOR NATIONAL MISSIONS		$62,020.50

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Bhil Field

Salaries—		
Miss Christine Maxwell	$900.00	
Miss Isabel McConnell	900.00	
Miss Marion Williamson	900.00	
Miss Ellen I. Douglas	900.00	
Miss Iris M. Errey	800.00	
Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy	800.00	
Miss Mary Sherrick	800.00	
		$6,000.00
Vacation Allowances		450.00
Evangelistic	$1,220.00	
Educational	6,112.00	
Medical	3,990.00	
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Taxes, Itinerating, etc.	1,240.00	
	$12,562.00	
Reduced	1,000.00	
		$11,562.00
		$18,012.00

Jhansi Field

Salaries—		
Miss F. I. Stringer	$900.00	
Miss A. L. Whatling	900.00	
Miss L. A. Simpson	900.00	
Dr. E. H. Thurrott	800.00	
Miss E. McKechnie	800.00	
Mrs. A. MacKay—Allowance	400.00	
		$4,700.00
Vacation Allowances		450.00
Evangelistic	$1,450.00	
Educational	4,422.00	
Medical	2,000.00	
Orphanage	548.00	
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Taxes and Itinerating	965.00	
	$9,385.00	
Reduced	1,000.00	
		$8,385.00
		$13,535.00

India—	
Ludhiana Medical College	50.00
St. Christopher's Training School	100.00
	$31,697.00

FORMOSA

Salaries—			
Miss Alma Burdick		$900.00	
Miss Ada Adams		900.00	
Miss Dorothy Douglas		900.00	
Miss Margaret Ramsay		900.00	
Miss Ethel Chisholm (part salary)		675.00	
Miss Isabel Taylor		900.00	
Miss Hildur Hermanson		800.00	
Miss Ruth Heighton		650.00	
Miss Mildred Weir		650.00	
Miss Newbury		900.00	
			$8,175.00
Mrs. Koa (Special Worker)			500.00
Language Study			1,000.00
Vacation Allowances (9)			675.00
Furlough Return Travel for Miss Chisholm			400.00
Evangelistic—			
Evangelism	$1,200.00		
Travel	300.00		
		$1,500.00	
Educational—			
Girls' School Maintenance	$3,300.00		
Women's School Maintenance	500.00		
Kindergarten Maintenance	500.00		
		$4,300.00	
Miscellaneous—			
W.M.S. Property and House Furnishings	500.00		
Rents, Taxes and Incidentals	800.00		
		$1,300.00	
		$7,100.00	
Reduced		400.00	
			$6,700.00
			$17,450.00

CHINA

Manchuria

Bible Women	$400.00		
Christian Literature	100.00		
		$ 500.00	

Shanghai

Grant to Christian Literature Society		$ 100.00	

South China

Dr. Jessie MacBean's Salary (three months)		250.00	
Grant to Evangelistic Work under the Church of Christ in China		1,000.00	
			$1,850.00

JAPAN

Salaries—		
Miss Jean McLean	$1,050.00	
Miss Ellen Anderson	1,050.00	
		$2,100.00
Furlough Travel for Miss Anderson		400.00
House Furnishings, Rugs, Linen, etc.		100.00
Vacation Allowance		75.00
Bible Women	$ 720.00	
Travel on Field	100.00	
Salaries of Bible Women	2,200.00	
Kindergarten Work	1,200.00	
Assisting Bible School Students	150.00	
Tracts and Bible Vacation Schools	300.00	
	$4,670.00	
Reduced	245.00	
		$4,425.00
		$7,100.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Miss Olwen Davies, Salary	$1,000.00	
Rent Allowance	240.00	
Vacation Allowance	75.00	
		$1,315.00
TOTAL OF OVERSEAS MISSIONS		$59,412.00

EXPANSION

India, Bhil Field—		
Electricity for the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home	$1,250.00	
Completing Mary Broadbent Training Home	1,000.00	
India, Jhansi Field—		
Completing and Furnishing Girls' Hostel	1,800.00	
Japan—		
Medical Health Work	2,660.00	
		$6,710.00
TOTAL INCLUDING EXPANSION FOR OVERSEAS MISSIONS		$66,122.00

NEW MISSIONARIES

New Missionaries	$3,500.00

PUBLICATIONS

Literature and "Glad Tidings"

Salaries	$6,760.00	
Office Rent (part)	933.60	
New Publications (free leaflets)	350.00	
Annual Reports	1,500.00	
Departmental Tabulated Forms	200.00	
Publications Free to Workers	250.00	
Mission Band Department—Mimeographing	100.00	
Young Women's Department—Mimeographing	100.00	
		$10,193.60

ORGANIZATION

Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, Salary	$1,800.00	
Travelling Expenses	450.00	
Miss L. K. Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary, Salary	1,800.00	
Travel and Incidental Expenses	525.00	
Miss O. Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary, Salary (part year)	675.00	
Travelling Expenses	100.00	
Presbyterian Girls' Camps	100.00	
Grant to Provincials	590.00	
Deputation Work	100.00	
		$6,140.00

STUDENT

Department Expenditure	$100.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenditure	$200.00

LANTERN SLIDES

Slides, Lecturettes, Boxes, Express, etc.	$100.00

LIBRARY

Department Expenditure	$290.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Exchange	$4,000.00	
Interdenominational Christian Literature	250.00	
Grant to Hungarian Literature	120.00	
Canadian School of Missions	425.00	
Federated Fees	225.00	
Grant to Knox College	100.00	
Grant to Missionary and Deaconess Training Home	100.00	
Deputation Work	400.00	
Pensions to W.M.S. Workers	2,370.00	
Council Meeting	7,000.00	
Insurance	1,270.30	
Taxes on Prince Albert Residence	170.00	
		$16,430.30

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	$2,600.00	
Rent (part)	933.60	
Auditing	250.00	
General Expense	1,200.00	
		$4,983.60

SUMMARY

National Missions	$62,020.50	
Overseas Missions	66,122.00	
New Missionaries	3,500.00	
Publications	10,193.60	
Organization	6,140.00	
Student	100.00	
Candidates	200.00	
Lantern Slides	100.00	
Library	290.00	
Miscellaneous	16,430.30	
Administration	4,983.60	
		$170,080.00
Less Amount to be Paid from Special Fund for National Building Expansion	$3,200.00	
Less Amount to be Paid from Special Fund for Taxes at Prince Albert	170.00	
Less Amount to be Paid from Legacy Fund for Building in India	4,050.00	
Less Amount to be Paid from Formosa Forward Movement for Medical Health Work in Japan	2,660.00	
		$10,080.00
		$160,000.00

The Tired Heart

This was the last poem chosen by Miss Fraser for publication

"DEAR Lord, I bear a tired heart to-night
And need that thou shouldst come and comfort me,
For well I know what rest and peace will come
Upon the weary soul which turns to Thee.

Take Thou my lifted hands within thine own,
And let me know that prayer will bring Thee near,
And that no cry of pain or sigh for help
Will fail to reach thine ever-listening ear.

So though I bear a tired heart to-night,
I know that thou wilt come and comfort me,
And with the morn the heaviness will pass
And joy will come because of trust in Thee."

—*Selected.*

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, in the name of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, we bow before Thee in worship and thanksgiving. We thank Thee for the many blessings, spiritual and material, Thou hast bestowed upon us during the past year. Especially do we thank Thee for the great gift of Thy Son, our Saviour. We thank Thee that in our land Thy Gospel may be boldly preached, that the Bible is an open book, and that in freedom we may worship Thee. May we Thy children be deeply conscious of our privileges and responsibilities. We pray Thee forgive our many sins; often we have forgotten Thee and have been unfaithful and faltering in serving Thee. We beseech Thee purify our hearts, sanctify our lives that henceforth we may humbly bear witness to Thine infinite love and mercy. We pray, O Lord, for a rich blessing upon that branch of Thy Church to which we belong. Bless, we beseech Thee, our Women's Missionary Society. Remembering all the way Thou hast led us, may we face the future with faith and renewed zeal. Give to our leaders vision to see the work Thou hast for us to do, faith to accept it, wisdom to plan for its accomplishment, and spiritual and physical strength for the task committed to their care. May every member of our Society be fully consecrated to Thee, willingly, gladly and prayerfully laying upon Thine altar their talents and possessions. Bless, O Lord, all our workers at home and abroad. Give joy and peace in their declining days to those who have spent long years in Thy service. Give strength of purpose and steadfast faith to those who know well the burden of the work. Be very gracious to those who are just beginning their life of service. May they all realize the preciousness of the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world". Revive Thy Church, O Lord. May Thy Kingdom come and may Thy Name be glorified. Amen.

Out of the past we gather Hope to-day
    To greet the coming year,
To face undauntedly the unknown way
    With courage and good cheer.
Though dangers threaten and though fears delay,
    Hope conquers fear.

—*Selected.*

Thank-Offering Meetings on a Manitoba Mission Field

THE Indian W.M.S. Auxiliary held their Thank-offering meeting on October 1st. Mr. White went to Rolling River for Miss Buckley and some of her Indian singers. Our women had cleaned the church and then decorated it with autumn leaves and berries and some lovely flowering plants. The meeting was well attended and the programme which they themselves had prepared was much enjoyed. They served a most sumptuous lunch, bringing sandwiches in kneading bowls. It seems a point of honour with them not to go home until all dishes are empty, so that it was quite late when we separated. The offering amounted to three dollars and eighty-six cents. As the town W.M.S. held their meeting the next evening we had Miss Buckley there, too. She told many interesting stories of life on the Reserve and exhibited a fine quilt her women have made. Our programme, in which each organization in the Church shared, was interesting, instructive and inspiring. Members of the choir contributed a vocal solo and a duet; a member of the Young People's Society a violin solo, the Mission Band a selection entitled ''Waiting for the Doctor,'' put on by seven girls in costume. Afterwards ''India'' and ''Japan'' took up the offering which amounted to five dollars and sixty cents. The managers and elders helped with the lunch. As gentlemen were invited the church was full. It was a very helpful and most encouraging evening and we thank God and take courage. Every Friday afternoon the Indian women meet at the Mission House. I am teaching them to hook rugs, which we are making for the church. They bring their babies and we have a lively time. They all enjoy the work.—*Mrs. Harry White, Elphinstone, Manitoba.*

A faithful W.M.S. member, with her husband and granddaughter.

Cast wide the folding doorways of the East,
For now is light increased.—*Francis Thompson.*

Planning a Year's Programme

Miss P. B. Lamont

THE New Year brings us to the Land of Beginning Again and there is no denying the importance of fresh beginnings. Our New Year's task is the old one of making Christ known to the world. In the effort to carry out this great work we desire the co-operation of *all* the women of the Church. Before co-operation there must be interest, and the regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary is the logical place to arouse this interest. With this thought in mind let us plan our programmes for the coming year so that in the heart and mind of the woman who has come to our Auxiliary meeting for the first time and perhaps knows nothing about our plans and efforts there may be stirred up the desire to learn about our Society's work and have a share in it.

Interesting meetings do not just happen. They are produced by fervent prayer, well laid plans and much preparation, even to the smallest detail. They call for variety in material and method of presentation. The whole programme, including hymns, Bible reading, prayers, and study topic, should be built around one theme, thus making the programme a unit. For instance, if the theme for the programme centres around the work of our nurses and doctors, a passage of Scripture could be read portraying the work of the Great Physician, and hymns chosen which will carry out the same thought.

To provide material for interesting programmes is always a problem. To help meet this need we recommend that the Secretary keep on file a copy of all *Glad Tidings*, study books, annual reports, and whatever other material is available, and pass them on to her successor in office. These, being provided by the Auxiliary, should always be at the disposal of those preparing programmes.

To plan the programme it is advisable either to have a good programme committee of not less than three members who will make plans for the entire year, or, where the membership is large enough, to divide it into groups and make each group responsible for the programme for one or more meetings.

The following programme is merely suggestive.

A World Cruise by the King's Airways

Meeting One—Preparation for the Trip.

1. Choice of route announced by conductor of the party. (Year's programme outlined by convener of programme committee.)
2. Securing ticket. (Paying membership fees, or distribution of envelopes.)
3. Equipment.
   (a) Passport—Interest in the King's Business.

(b) Guide Books—A. W.M.S. Study Books.
B. *Glad Tidings.*
C. W.M.S. Annual Reports.
D. General Assembly Reports (All ministers and session clerks have them.)

(c) Lantern Slides.

(d) Traveller's kit of good cheer, optimism, and willingness to give of your best to fellow-travellers.

4. Results hoped for: More travellers secured and fresh interest aroused. (Set definite aims in membership, contribution, and general interest. Have each officer state what she hopes to accomplish during the year.)

Meeting Two—The trip begins. Fly from Winnipeg to Vancouver via the northern route. Visit our new churches at Cranberry Portage and The Pas in Manitoba, also our churches in the Foxford region and the Weirdale Hospital in North Saskatchewan. Then on to the Peace River District to see our Deaconesses. Then over the mountains to Vancouver.

Guide Books—A. 1934-36, page 16-18.
B. 1935, Oct., page 343-347; Dec., page 412.
C. 1933, Oct., page 11-15; 1935, pp. 14-21.

Meeting Three—Across the Pacific to spend Easter in Japan. Visit our W.M.S. Auxiliaries and the Kindergartens.

Guide Books—A. 1934-36 (Fellow Citizens).
B. 1935, February, April and September.
C. 1934, page 73.
D. 1934, page 35; 1935, pp. 63-65.

Meeting Four—Manchuria. Lantern Slides, ''The Open Door of Manchuria''; afternoon tea with Mesdames Davis, Reoch and Johnson. Have each tell her story (to be impersonated by travellers).

Guide Books—B. 1935, July-August, page 242.
C. 1933, 1934.
D. 1935, pp. 46-54; 1933, pp. 36-41.

Meeting Five—To Formosa the Beautiful. Attend an annual meeting of Formosan W.M.S. and see our chapel at Happy Mount Leprosy Colony.

Guide Books—A. 1934-36 (Fellow Citizens), page 39.
B. 1935, July-August, page 250; Sept., page 299.
1933, March, page 92.
1932, July-August.
C. 1933 and 1934.

Meeting Six—Across South China to India. Visit our missionaries on vacation. How do they spend it?

Guide Books—B. 1934, October, page 346.
1933, July-August, page 260.
1936, January, pp. 26-28.

Meeting Seven—A long flight to British Guiana. Follow it on the map. What missionaries have we there and with whom do they work?

Guide Books—A. 1934-36, page 68; 1932-34, page 51.
B. 1935, September and December.
1933, January.
D. 1935, pages 73-78.

Meeting Eight—North to Halifax. Visit our sisters of the Eastern Division and see what they do.

Guide Books—A. 1932-34, page 47.
B. 1934, November, page 384.
D. 1935, pp. 81-85.

Meeting Nine—To Toronto. Get acquainted with the staff at headquarters and Council Executive. Visit the Deaconess Training Home and Knox College.

Guide Books—B. 1935, February, page 49; April, page 126.
1934, October, page 336; November, page 378.
C. 1934, pp. 43-48.

Meeting Ten—Back home. Unpack your baggage. Show your curios (strange things seen and heard). Tell your story in your Annual Report, stating how many of your aims have been reached.

Put It First

The first message at the birth of Christ was a *missionary* message. (Luke II: 10).

The first prayer Christ taught men was a *missionary* prayer. (Matthew VI: 10).

The first disciple, St. Andrew, was the first *missionary*. (John I: 41).

The first message of the risen Lord was a *missionary* message. (John XX: 17).

The first command of the risen Lord to His disciples was a *missionary* command. (John XX: 21).

The first apostolic sermon was a *missionary* sermon. (Acts II: 17-39).

Christ's great reason for Christian love was a *missionary* reason. (John XIII: 35)

Christ's great reason for unity was a *missionary* reason. (John XVII: 21).

The first coming of Christ was a *missionary* work. (Luke IV: 18-21).

The second coming of Christ is to be hastened by *missionary* work. (Matthew XXIV: 14).

Our Saviour's last wish on earth was a *missionary* wish. (Matthew XXVIII: 19).

And the *last* wish of the departing Saviour should be the *first* wish of His returning children.

Put it first — 'twill draw us closer.
Put it first — 'twill banish strife.
Put it first — the rest will follow.
Put it first — 'twill bless our life.
Put it first — where Jesus put it.
Put it first — 'tis God's own plan.
Put it first — and no surrender.
Put Christ's missions in the van.

—Selected.

Welcome and Welfare Department

We regret that this report came to hand too late to be included in *The Year That is Passing* in the December issue of the *Glad Tidings.*

THE Hungarian Presbyterians in Toronto, among whom Mrs. Charles Steinmetz works, still meet in Scott Institute. Through the *Hungarian Presbyterian Candle Light,* a weekly paper edited by Mr. Steinmetz and distributed free of charge, a Christian message is being brought to many Hungarians who do not attend Church services and who might be influenced by Communism. The Hungarian Young People's Society have met with societies in other Presbyterian congregations to their mutual advantage; a representative of their young people, too, attended the conference in Galt. Church services are conducted in the Hungarian language, which the Canadian-born are encouraged to retain in order to foster respect for the older people and to counteract the efforts of Communists to influence the younger people. Mite boxes brought in twelve dollars for the building fund, the people giving generously of the little they had. They are now using the Church mite boxes for contributions towards the reduction of the debt. Although the Hungarian Mission in Toronto has never been given an allocation by the Church, seventeen dollars and fifty cents had been sent in by November.

Mrs. Fesenko of the Ukrainian Mission in Toronto reports an increased attendance at their services since they moved to 109 Markham Street. They all, young and old, are looking forward to the time when they can have a church of their own. A Young People's Society has been organized, as well as a Junior one for boys and girls of fourteen to seventeen years of age in which the Mission Band study book is being used. Clothing has been supplied where needed, and the help and sympathy given in cases of illness and sorrow has done much to alleviate distress. Miss Booth is making satisfactory progress in the study of the language. When she speaks it more fluently, she will be able, she feels, to do a great deal more for the Ukrainians.

The work of visiting hospitals and homes is being steadily carried on in Toronto by Miss Murray, with the assistance, since August, of Miss Mary Hugill, formerly of Ottawa.

Miss Munro, the Society's port worker in Montreal, reports a busy year, meeting trains and boats, in an endeavour to be of assistance to any Presbyterian settlers who come to Canada. A serious difficulty in her work—and in that of other Welcome and Welfare workers throughout the country—arises from the fact that in the list of names she receives from ships no distinction is made between those coming to Canada as visitors, for pleasure or business, and those coming as settlers to make homes here. In order not to miss any of the latter, all names except those of returning Canadians must be sent on to the districts to which these newcomers are going.

What *Glad Tidings* Means to Me

We are indebted to Miss Smellie, Port Arthur, for the following tribute, which was read by Mrs. D. L. Cranston at the "Glad Tidings" meeting of First Presbyterian Church Auxiliary.

THE *Glad Tidings* enables me to maintain an intelligent interest in the work of Christ's Church everywhere and, in particular, in the work undertaken by our Society.

It increases my knowledge of the most important work in the world, and I cannot discharge my duty in this work without informing myself on the subject.

It enables me, by studying missions, to grasp the full mission of the Church and the Women's Missionary Society—and this study of missions increases my faith in Christ, because Missions is God at work.

It creates and stimulates a wide interest in the affairs of the Kingdom and thus creates a zeal for the salvation of others.

With increased knowledge comes a greater understanding of our relations to one another and to the world at large, a greater understanding of the people of other lands—their customs, history and ways of living,—a greater understanding of the difficulties of our organization and of the wonderful courage and faith of our members and workers in different parts of the world as they face the problems peculiar to the different places.

I also need this knowledge to help me in my own life service.

By means of *Glad Tidings* I can learn to follow my gifts of work or money with intelligent prayer.

The *Tidings* thrills and interests me with its marvellous tales of sacrifice and service to make known the love of God and thus rouses in me a desire to be more like those who live such unselfish lives and to help in such a worthwhile work.

To me *Glad Tidings* is a source of inspiration, cheer and guidance, and a magazine of which any Church or Society may be proud.

Grace Robes

But you for your own self do weave
Robes nobler than I can conceive,—
    How wondrous fair your robing!
Of gracious deed and noble thought,
Of battles for the fallen fought,
Of hope to faltering footsteps brought,
New ways to wandering sinners taught—
All these your wondrous robes have wrought,
    And fair indeed your robing!

—Oxenham.

OUR LETTER BOX

HAPPY TO BE BACK AT WORK

Kobe, Japan.

"IT was a great joy to be back home again; how happy we were to see old friends once more! We enjoyed the visit of Dr. and Mrs. MacKay (London) ever so much.

"At Yokohama we went to the Korean Church where about twenty met for a brief thanksgiving service; that made us realize that we were really back again. Then on the night after our arrival the pastors and Bible women met to welcome us as well as Dr. MacKay. That was nice for all of us and we appreciated it, although saying the customary few words was not easy after so long an absence. Somehow it is so easy to understand and so very difficult to speak.

"Yesterday I went to Sin Ho Church and found that a number of old friends had been called home and that a number of new people had been brought in. It was a great pleasure to find that one enthusiastic believer is the father of two graduates of the kindergarten. I had met him a number of times when here before, and was, indeed, happy to see him. The mother was a believer before I went home. Then at Oishi Church at night I found that out of twenty-five people there were only two of the former congregation present. These people certainly do come and go frequently.

"On Saturday afternoon the kindergarten teachers met at our house. Twelve of them came, only two of whom I had known before. They are surely a splendid group. We had a very lovely meeting with them and began to get acquainted. The reason there are so many teachers is that five of them have assistant teachers whom the Churches pay. That is a step in the right direction. One of the assistants is a girl who was a scholar in one of the Osaka Sunday Schools when I first came to Japan; her younger sister graduated from kindergarten about three years ago, so you see our own children are growing up and helping in the work."

—Jean MacLean.

ON THE WAY TO FORMOSA

"I HAD a very delightful time coming across Canada. In Winnipeg there was a very nice luncheon for me, and in the afternoon a meeting at First Church with from forty to fifty present. I went on the next day to Regina. On Sunday afternoon, with the assistance of a car, I spoke at the three Sunday Schools in Regina, besides attending Church services at First and Northside. Then on Monday I addressed the women in First

Church, but as it was a terrible day, with sleet and rain, the attendance wasn't very large. I spoke to the Mission Band for a few minutes before I caught the train for Calgary. The attendance at the Knox Church meeting really was very good, considering it was two below zero. Miss Weir and I went to Vancouver together. The next day Miss Douglas arrived. There was a farewell service at Fairview Church when we all had to say the customary 'few words' and had afternoon tea. It was nice to meet so many of the W.M.S. women, both here and in the other cities on the way out. Quite a few of the W.M.S. ladies came to the boat to see us off.

''The voyage hasn't been so pleasant as it might have been. It was quite rough for a couple of days, but everything seems bright and happy once again. There are some very nice people on board and as usual one makes friends very quickly with most of them, so looking at it from all angles it hasn't been too bad a voyage, and I hope it will even be better for the next lap.

''Miss Douglas and I daily lament the fact she won't be coming to Formosa with Miss Weir and me, but a year will pass very quickly. I only hope I will be able to get to work again without too great difficulty. I usually have to go out looking for my work, and after more than a year's absence it might be difficult to get into it again, but once started things will be all right, I hope.''

—*Margaret Ramsay.*

A Holiday in Kashmir

Sonamarg, Kashmir, India.

''HERE we are in beautiful Kashmir!

''When we first came we were in the house-boat on the lake, the five of us in one nice large boat consisting of two good-sized bedrooms, a dining-room and a sitting-room with all the furnishings of a comfortable home. Our cooking was done by the owner in a smaller boat attached to ours, one part of which was our kitchen and the other the living quarters of the cook and his family. We went practically everywhere in a *shikora,* which is a small row-boat. Usually some of the boat servants would come with us to help row, for none of us were very expert at it. The merchants would come around with their little boats well stocked with goods,—vegetables, fruits, groceries, cakes, jewels, silver-ware, wood carving, beautiful cloth goods, or papier mâché. Really, one sees so many beautiful things that tempt one to spend money. We were not very far from the city of Srinagar, which is built along the river. One day one of the wood carving merchants sent his boat for us and treated us to an eighteen-course Persian dinner. The first eight or ten courses were very good, consisting of various kinds of meats and vegetables cooked with curry and red pepper. We were very hungry and greatly enjoyed them. The second half of the meal consisted of various sweet dishes, but by that time we felt quite satisfied and began to wonder how we were going to get through several more courses, before long wishing that each one would be the last. However, we managed to take a taste of each, which pleased the store-keeper very much as he stood near watching us and smiling at our comments, for he could understand and speak English very well.

''We are now camping in a beautiful place called Sonamarg which means 'the way of gold.' We have been trying to discover the reason for this name. It may be because there are little yellow flowers growing all around here. Then, the other morning when we got up at half-past five to go for a hike up the 'Pas' leading to Tibet, we looked out and the sunrise on a snow mountain made it a beautiful golden. It is now eight twenty p.m., and I am writing outside by the light of the moon and the camp-fire. As it rained to-day and is rather chilly, the fire feels quite good. It is beautiful to sit here and look at the snow-capped mountains towering high above us,—this plain is completely surrounded by mountain peaks. One could go into endless description, but even then fail to do justice to the great beauty and grandeur of these mountains.

''We had a nice little service on Sunday. It was wonderful to sit under those pines, surrounded by such beauty, singing the old familiar hymns, 'Abide With Me' and 'Nearer My God to Thee.' It truly did seem to bring one nearer to God. Mr. Hodge, too, gave us a very helpful sermon.

''We left our camping place Friday afternoon for a place nine miles further on, just at the entrance to the Pas. We just took our bedding and some food with us, for there was a very comfortable rest-house in which we stayed for a day for four annas each,—about eight cents,—besides a couple of tips. The little house of two rooms was very comfortable with a fireplace in each room. Right by the snow, it was very cold, so that it was very pleasant to sit by the fire in the evening. The next morning we were up by half-past five for our trip up the Pas, for we wanted to get back before the snow got too soft for the horses. Three of us rode, while the other two members of our party walked. About a mile from the rest-house we turned up the Pas. Just around the corner of a big rock was a waterfall rushing out from underneath the snow. Then soon we were on the snow *over* the river. When I realized we were over running water, I told the horseman to let me off for his horse might go through. He said, 'There is no need to fear, Miss Sahib. This snow is very deep, from fifty to one hundred feet.' We went up on this snow for about four miles. My, it was cold! I could almost imagine myself back in Canada during the winter. The wind seemed to whistle right through one. Once when we were complaining of the cold the horseman said, 'Yes, the wind is very strong.' Then they told us this little story. 'Once there was a dog riding a horse and such a strong wind came up and picked the dog up and carried it right over to Pahalgam.' They knew this to be true because the dog was found three or four days later in Pahalgam. Now Pahalgam is about a three-day march from where we were. When we laughed they said, 'It is true, Miss Sahib, it is true.'

''This was certainly a very beautiful trip with the high mountains close up on both sides of us. We had great sport coming home, for there was just one steep hill after another, which made it splendid for sliding. We are now back on our boat at Ganderbal. To-morrow morning we are starting for Srinagar. It will probably take us about three days to get there by boat. We have had a very good holiday and a nice rest and are looking forward to getting back to our stations again.''

—Eleanor McKechnie.

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

CHANNING has said, ''Books give to all who faithfully use them the spiritual presence of the best and greatest of our race.'' In these days of transition, it is necessary not only to absorb the best from our own race, but to become acquainted with the best that is being written about every race, and there is no better medium within our reach than the books on our shelves by great writers on international events. The following list covers only a very few, and a special list of Missionary books has been prepared for Literature Secretaries, or members of Auxiliaries who desire to keep their own or the Church Library up to date.

INDIA

OUT OF BONDAGE, by S. Neill, is a truly complete picture of life in the Indian village, price 60c.

THE HINDU—a story of the missionary movement, and of the background of India as a country, board cover, 35c.

IF I LIVED IN INDIA, a delightfully readable description of the country, appealing particularly to young people, 35c.

CHINA

THE CHINESE CHURCH IN ACTION, by Foster, is an excellent new book on this country of so many changes, 60c.

THE VERY HEART OF CHINA, by Jessie Payne, a picture of China, from the unrest of the poor to the outlook of the students. Cloth bound, specially priced—60c.

JAPAN

JAPAN AND HER PEOPLE, by E. M. Hughes, tells of the life of Japan, in homes of rich or poor, villages or towns, schools or factories, temples or Churches—60c.

SHINTO AND ITS MODERN DEVELOPMENTS—the story of the religion of mighty Japan, paper cover, 20c.

AFRICA

CONSIDER AFRICA, by Basil Mathews. Here is presented in a clear picture the drama of Africa to-day, by this accurately informed world writer. A valuable book to possess. Paper cover, 60c.

GENERAL

WORLD TIDES IN THE FAR EAST, dealing with the Chinese and Japanese situation, is also by Basil Mathews—60c.

THE JEW AND WORLD FERMENT, by the same author, is invaluable for its summing up of European problems, 60c.

MEN AND WOMEN OF FAR HORIZONS, written by Christian missionaries the world over—75c.

PLANNING THE GOOD LIFE, by Henry Sweet, deals with social conditions on this continent—in paper, 75c.

THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD TO-DAY, by ten of the leading missionary writers of the world—invaluable—in cloth, $1.50.

YOUNG WOMEN

WE BEGIN – TO FINISH

NEW officers have been elected or old ones re-elected. Our work of the past year has been measured and new goals established for the year just beginning. As we start the new year may we, each one, determine if we are as well informed as we might be about the duties and the possibilities of our position. We begin – to finish. Perhaps the year ahead will be a better one; perhaps it will not, who knows? We do know this, however, that the better we lay the foundation for our work in this new year, the more carefully we plan and work our plans, the better the year will end.

The following are submitted for your guidance in this new year:

A meeting of the old and new executive committees as soon as possible in the new year.

Careful consideration of the membership roll. Begin early in the year to renew old members and to gain new ones.

As a member are you familiar with the constitution? Have you read the 1934 Annual Report? Do you read the *Glad Tidings* and keep informed about the work?

As an officer, even if you have held office before, study the constitution and the Annual Report. Your service to your group should be beyond that of a member.

Perhaps these are enough suggestions for New Year resolutions, for you will have some that apply to your own group.

We begin – to finish. Perhaps you did not quite reach your goal last year. Now you have another chance, get an early start. You must win out where you are, for if you fail there, it spells failure all along the line.

A Happy New Year!

FELLOWSHIPS

Miss Barbara Dougherty, Young Women's Secretary, Quebec Provincial, sends the following interesting item about the Y.W.A. Leaders' Fellowship, Montreal Presbyterial:

''Our study course this year is to begin with an intensive study, under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, of the Constitution. The second evening we are to have a Mock Council Meeting; at the third meeting the reports of the delegates to the S.V.M. Conference in Indianapolis; and at the last, a lecture, by Miss Margaret McKinnon, on the Bible.''

Sixty-three members of the Toronto Fellowship were the guests of the Hamilton Fellowship over the week-end of November 23-24. A banquet followed by a social ''get-together'' was arranged for Saturday evening at the Y.W.C.A. Both Fellowships met Sunday afternoon in Erskine Church to honour the memory of our late missionary, Miss Mildred Soutar, Reg. N., of India. The inspiration gained through this fellowship with members of another Presbyterial has given the young women a new vision of a great task and a great purpose.

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

FOR THIS NEW YEAR — A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Quiet Music.

Call to Worship.—

Group sings softly:—

''Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of Thee,
Heaven and earth are praising Thee,
O Lord most high.''

or ''The Lord is in His Holy temple''.

Leader.—To-day a new year lies before us, with all its joys and adventures, its opportunities, and its difficulties. As we meet together for the first time in this new year, thinking of the days that lie ahead, shall we read a Psalm that tells of God's care for his journeying children every year of their lives.

Scripture Reading.—Psalm 91, verses 1-8: 9-12.

Leader.—Let us pray.

''Lord of all new life, we pray Thee for this new year, that in it we may be renewed in Thine own life, and walk through it in Thine own companionship''.

Girls.—(Softly as a prayer).

''O Son of Man, who walked each day
An humble road, serene and strong,
Go with us now upon life's way,
Our comrade all the journey long.

''If light and joy should be our part,
Then share with us the shining hour;
If clouds should come, speak to our heart
Thy word of comfort, love and power.'' Amen.

A moment of silence, while each girl asks for strength and peace.

Hymn No. 146.—''The King of love my Shepherd is.''

Leader.—Let us pray that this year we may be forgetful of ourselves, eager to serve, quick to give our help and sympathy to others.

''We pray Thee for new freedom of spirit, new zeal in Thy service, new forgetfulness of ourselves, new power to forsake the lower path and to climb ever upward to the heights.'' Amen.

Girls.—(Sing softly, as prayer).

''O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.''

Leader.—''O God, our Heavenly Father, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of a new year, may Thy love guard and protect us. May we resolve that, forgetting ourselves, we shall fill this year with kindly thoughts and loving deeds. Keep us true and faithful in all our duties. Bless us as a group in our hours together, and help us to grow always in Thy likeness, that when the years are done we may dwell in Thy house forever.'' Amen.

Hymn No. 270.—''Breathe on me, Breath of God''.

—*O. M. Hill.*

MISSION BANDS

JOHN AND MARY IN FORMOSA

Miss Ethel M. McCutcheon

(Continued from December issue)

EARLY the next morning Mary and John, with their parents and some of the missionaries and helpers, set out to visit some towns that had suffered badly from the earthquake last April. They took bags of rice, and other supplies, and the hospital sent medicine. In many cases the people were living in shelters made of bamboo poles and cotton cloth, and gifts of clothing and food were very welcome. Churches had been destroyed or badly damaged, but the Christians are hoping and praying that God will open the hearts of all in Christian countries to help them replace the buildings. John asked Mr. MacMillan what a church there would cost. He was told that five hundred dollars would build one that would serve, as it was not very cold. Mary said she did hope that the children wouldn't have to do without their Sunday School for very long. Although their hearts were saddened by the great need, they were made glad by the large attendance of Christians at the services held either in the open air or in rudely built shelters.

When they returned to Taihoku, Miss Hermanson told John she had a new patient with a broken leg who kept asking for the little white boy and girl. John and Mary were puzzled to know who he could be, but when Miss Hermanson said he kept some marbles tight in his two hands and wouldn't let her put them away, they knew that it must be their little friend Foo. They ran over to the hospital and Foo's bright eyes showed how glad he was to see them, although he felt very shy and strange in his new clean bed. John told Miss Hermanson his Band at home would be glad to help her children, and Mary said, ''And we shall pray that God will make them well and help them to become Christian, so that when they go home they will tell their fathers, mothers and grandmothers about Jesus.''

The next morning the children and their parents bade the kind missionaries at Taihoku good-bye, and left for Tamsui. Here they were warmly greeted by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mackay, Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Wilkie, Miss Burdick, and Miss Argall. All these friends told of the pressing need for more workers, and said how delighted they would be when Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson and Miss Douglas returned from their holidays.

John and Mary were delighted to visit the schools in Tamsui. They saw again Chinese children in their kindergartens and girls in the Girls' School learning to do such useful things as cooking and sewing, and heard their beautiful voices in Miss Taylor's music classes. They went with their mother to see the Women's School, the Middle School, and the Theological College, where not only the missionaries teach but also native teachers who are themselves graduates of these schools. They were interested in finding that in Formosa there is Church service not just on Sundays; three or four times every day the churches are crowded, the men sitting on the floor on one side and the women on the other, while many people watch through the windows.

At last one evening their father told them their visit to Formosa, the Beautiful Isle, was over, for the next morning they must leave for China. Before going to bed Mary wrote a letter to a little friend in Canada, and in it she said, ''Please pray for the little children in Formosa''.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—At the October meeting of Calgary Presbyterial Executive in Grace Church, Calgary, Mrs. T. A. Rodger presided. After the devotional exercises reports from the various departments were submitted, all showing keen interest and progress. An interesting paper was given on ''The History of the *Glad Tidings*'' and a report read from Miss M. Grigor, deaconess at Wanham, on her work during the past few months. Arrangements were made for a mass meeting in Knox Church on October 29th to hear Miss Margaret Ramsay, returning to Formosa after furlough.

The semi-annual Thank-offering meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary, was well attended. Mrs. T. M. Allen, President, was in the chair. ''Glad Tidings'' Day was also observed at this meeting. Mrs. C. E. Jamieson gave a most interesting account of the growth and development of our W.M.S. magazine from its inception to the present spicy paper. As the roll was called a member from each group stated from what department of our paper she derived the most benefit and interest. An appeal was then made by Mrs. Barrol, ''Glad Tidings'' Secretary, for new subscribers. Mrs. A. C. Archibald, of First Baptist Church, gave a helpful, encouraging message on ''What we have to be thankful for in the mission work of our Church.'' Although we have been passing through a strenuous time of depression, the speaker found cause for deep thankfulness in many signs of encouragement in our work.

Edmonton P.S.—Reports indicate that because of floods, early frost and unprecedented snow and cold weather, the need for clothing and bedding will be very great in the north this winter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the October meeting of the Provincial Board Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Provincial President, reported having visited Nanaimo and given a report of the Council meeting to a worthwhile gathering. Representatives of the Courtesies Committee reported that they had gone to the boat to say farewell to Rev. D. E. and Mrs. McDonald and taken flowers to them.

Westminster P.S.—A pleasing feature of the September meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Robertson Church, Vancouver, was the presentation of a Life Membership to Mrs. Colin Brown for her faithfulness not only in the W.M.S., but also in other organizations of the Church.

On October 30th the Kerrisdale W.M.S. Auxiliary had a splendid Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Thos. Wilson gave a very informative and inspiring address on Manchuria and much of it was made to live before her hearers through lantern slides. A Life Membership was also presented.

On November 1st a most enjoyable afternoon was spent in Fairview Church hall, Vancouver, to meet and bid good-bye to our out-going missionaries to Formosa, Misses Weir, Douglas and Ramsay, who were sailing the next day. It was good to have this personal contact with these young women and to get to know them even in a very limited way, for it gives an added interest in their field and their work.

Kamloops–Okanagan P.S.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of Armstrong Auxiliary was held November 13th. The W.M.S. lantern slides were shown illustrating the work of our Society in the Gwalior and Bhil fields in India. As the Auxiliary had been studying these two fields, the views were doubly interesting.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG STREET, WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

AT a meeting of the ''Janet E. Smellie'' Mission Band, Port Arthur, two Junior Memberships were conferred on Gordon Whiteman and Billy Anderson. Mrs. T. Delbridge addressed the members and made the presentations. Short prayers were given by the boys.

On October 25th Mrs. George Leckie presided at a meeting of Winnipeg Presbyterial in First Church, Winnipeg, when Miss Ramsay gave a most interesting and enlightening address on the medical, educational and evangelistic work in Formosa. At a luncheon given in her honour by the Provincial Board Miss Ramsay spoke of the requirements of this field, stressing the need for a medical missionary.

More Thank-offering meetings were held in November. At Norwood lantern slides, ''Across Canada Missions'', were shown, and addresses given by Mrs. Flook, Provincial President, and Mrs. Leckie, Presbyterial President. At Knox Church, Stonewall, Mrs. Digby Wheeler, of Winnipeg, in an address on ''Miracle Seeds'' spoke of Foreign and Home Pioneer Missions as planting and transplanting the seeds of the Kingdom. Mrs. R. B. Anderson presided at Old Kildonan; Mrs. Leckie spoke on the work of the Women's Missionary Society, and Mrs. H. Spitzer on the work being done among the Jews by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Spitzer. Mrs. Flook gave a very helpful address to the Carberry Auxiliary.

Before leaving for Tokyo, Miss Dorothy Douglas, Principal of the Girls' School, Tamsui, gave an inspiring address to the Caroline Macdonald Service Club, First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg. She spoke of the tremendous task being undertaken in building up the Presbyterian Church in Formosa. At the November meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Mrs. Nevin McWilliams presiding, many members and friends of the late Mrs. Herbert Ross paid tribute to her memory by presenting a Life Membership to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Douglas Ross. Regret was expressed at the departure for Toronto of Mrs. Peter Kee, Provincial Corresponding Secretary. After this meeting the Ladies' Aid Executive met to do honour to Mrs. Kee. The daughter of Rev. John McNabb, one of Manitoba's pioneer ministers, she has made a valuable contribution to the spiritual life of First Church as well as to Social Welfare work in the community. Mrs. H. A. Robson, on behalf of the Church women, presented Mrs. Kee with a travelling case.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Hartney Presbyterian Church the speakers were Mrs. Flook, who gave a very inspiring talk on the work of the Council, and Mrs. Cowan, of Boissevain, who spoke on the work of local Societies. Both addresses made us happy to be working in the Missionary Society. At the close a pleasant social hour was spent by some forty members and friends.

St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Brandon, held their Thank-offering on October 10th, with Mrs. J. S. Flook as guest speaker. Mrs. R. A. Hamlin presided and Rev. W. J. Allen conducted the devotional service. A solo by Mrs. Milburn and numbers by Mission Band children were appreciated.

At the ''missionary'' service of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Weston, Mrs. George Leckie, Presbyterial President, spoke on the work of the Winnipeg Presbyterial, placing before the congregation the need of the W.M.S. and the work that had been accomplished by the Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and other organizations. At the October meeting of Calvin Auxiliary, Mrs. J. R. McDonald, Presbyterial Home Helpers' Secretary, gave an inspiring address on that department, dwelling on the great good that had been accomplished since that work was begun and showing how it might be improved.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 166 HAMMERSMITH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

HELLO! HELLO! This is Ontario speaking; she extends the season's greetings to fellow-workers in other Provinces.

The Thank-offering season has been faithfully observed by Auxiliaries in Barrie P.S. West Church Auxiliary, Nottawasaga, met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Currie, with many rural members present. An ever welcome guest, Mrs. M. W. Heslip, Penetanguishene, was the speaker. Mrs. William Allan, Toronto, gave the address at Orillia, where the attendance and offering were exceptionally good. At Thornbury-Clarksburg Miss Margaret Sutherland, Barrie, who has spent some time in the Orient, gave an illustrated address, ''Life in far off Japan''.

The audience stood during Mrs. Allan Shaw's recital of a special ''Prayer for Peace''. ''God's Harvest'' was recited by Kathleen Brown. Miss Sutherland also addressed the meeting at Midland, where a quartette from the Young Women's Auxiliary and a solo by Mrs. Perrin added to the pleasure of the members. Penetanguishene invited Port McNichol and Wyebridge Auxiliaries to hear Miss McQueen's comprehensive and interesting talk on the work in our Indian schools in the West. A sectional meeting of district No. 3 was held in Chalmer's Church, Alliston, Mrs. Coulter presiding. An atmosphere of quiet confidence permeated the meeting. Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto, gave an address on the organizations of the W.M.S. and their relation to the Church and its government. Auxiliary representatives spoke on different departments of the work.

Many activities are reported from Chatham P.S., a pot luck luncheon, quilts made and sent to Dr. Margaret Strang Savage; New St. Andrew's (Dover), a small rural group, busy doing their bit; Dresden inviting Thamesville to their Thank-offering meeting; Duart Mission Band entertaining the Senior Auxiliary, presenting a pageant, and having an address from Rev. G. G. Treanor, D.D. Knox, Leamington, observed ''Glad Tidings'' Day. Mrs. J. Fletcher, of the Provincial Board, addressed the senior Auxiliary, Ridgetown, Mrs. L. B. Tape, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, speaking to the Young Women's Auxiliary. Thamesville Auxiliary sent a barrel of fruit to the Redemptive Home, Toronto. Mrs. S. M. Ferguson was their speaker at a recent meeting when members of Bothwell Auxiliary were their guests. Miss Martha Brown, ''ninety-one years young'', was an honoured guest of Knox Auxiliary, Windsor, when sixty members were present. A splendid fall Presbyterial rally was held in Chatham, and sectional meetings are being held. The twenty-first anniversary of the Provincial Society has been celebrated throughout the Presbyterial with special givings.

Preston Auxiliary celebrated the Provincial birthday with a tea; Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Galt, and Home Helpers were special guests. Mrs. Davidson spoke on the union of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies twenty-one years ago. An interesting illustrated talk on Palestine was given to Knox Church Auxiliary, Galt, by their minister, Rev. J. D. Smart, Ph.D. He described intimately the towns and cities he visited and the habits and customs of the people. Sectional meetings have been held in all sections; Rev. R. Moynan, Hamilton, addressed the meeting in Galt, and Miss Ferguson of the Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, spoke in Guelph. At the eastern section meeting in Campbellville, the discussion took the form of a debate, six vital questions having been sent to the Auxiliaries in time for two members to be selected to take sides in discussing certain questions. The general discussion which followed from the floor of the house proved successful and helpful. In the evening, Miss Ferguson, Toronto, addressed the young people who were quite enthused by her message. The meeting closed with a candle-lighting service, a candle each for the Council, Provincial, Presbyterial and section, and one for each organization in the section, a history of which was read as the candle was lit. Grace Mission Band then conducted the service of ''Passing the Torch''. Thank-offering meetings have been held throughout the Presbyterial, speakers being Mrs. R. Moynan, Hamilton, Mrs. H. L. Bennie, Acton, Mrs. Ekins, Hespeler, and Mrs. H. Cockburn, Morriston.

An interesting bit of news came to us recently about last year's activities of ''The Fireside Circle'', Arthur, Saugeen P.S. Besides giving to the general and to the Special Campaign funds, they gave Christmas boxes to shut-ins and themselves painted and varnished church property. We wish we had been there, as we, too, love a brush and pot of paint.

The young women of Hamilton P.S. presented the colourful and effective pageant ''The Shining Years'' to a large audience.

Mrs. W. A. Stringer presided at the sectional meeting in Lansdowne, Brockville P.S.; many Auxiliaries brought encouraging reports of their work. Regret was expressed at the passing of two pioneer workers, to honour whose memory a two-minute silence was observed. Mrs. W. D. Turner, Winchester, gave an interesting address on W.M.S. work. Local speakers addressed the Thank-offering meetings of Mainsville and Cardinal Auxiliaries; these meetings were well attended, and the offerings generous. A number of Life Memberships from Auxiliaries, the Sunshine Class and Mission Band were given.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Lucknow Auxiliary, Maitland P.S., a highly esteemed member, Mrs. Ewen McKenzie, several times President of the Auxiliary, was presented with an Honorary Membership. On this occasion Miss Dorothy Douglas gave her last address before leaving to resume her work in Formosa.

The fifty-third birthday of Knox Church Auxiliary, Hamilton, was celebrated with Mrs. Dandie presiding. Rev. Banks Nelson, D.D., welcomed the guests and opened the meeting with prayer. Many former members were visitors and past Presidents Mrs. R. McFarlane, Detroit, Mrs. Innes, and Miss Diamond were present. Mrs. Weaver gave a résumé of the past fifty-three years. Mrs. W. I. McLean gave the address. Rev. Mr. Kovacs closed with prayer.

The Golden Jubilee of Oakville Auxiliary was a delightful affair, though dimmed by the passing the previous day of Mrs. W. Street, a charter member. Reminiscent addresses were given by Mrs. W. Adamson, President, who lives in the house,—then the manse of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Meikle,—where the Auxiliary was organized, Mrs. B. Bacon, the daughter of their first minister, Rev. J. Nisbet, of Western Mission fame, and by Miss

A. Andrews. Greetings were received from former members, also from St. Jude's and St. John's Auxiliaries, through Miss M. Young and Mrs. C. Carson. Mrs. J. E. Munro, Toronto, a former President, and Mrs. Hiram Williams assisted in the programme. Mrs. V. A. Smith, Toronto, was the speaker. Rev. C. K. Nicoll emphasized the important place women take in the life of the church. At the tea hour the cake was cut by Miss A. Andrews, who has been a member of Knox Church for eighty years.

A capacity audience of children gathered at Beaches Church, Toronto, when Mission Bands from Todmorden, Riverdale, St. John's, St. Matthew's, McPherson, Emmanuel and Beaches held their fall rally, Miss Maxwell presiding. Aside from the Christian service rendered to others by these young children, the personal training they receive from devoted leaders may play an inestimable part in the future life of the Church and State.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 128 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MR. A. EARL TOOMBS addressed the November meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial, reviewing his work in the Barwani district since he went to India in 1929. He and Mrs. Toombs had entered the field in the face of the hostility of the local Rajah, so that there was almost no progress for some months. Retarding his efforts were local ordinances and the circumstance that when a convert was to be baptized they had to travel sixty-five miles to reach Dr. Buchanan who performed the rite of baptism. The death of the potentate had eased the situation considerably for Mr. Toombs, because immediately the administration of the district had been taken over by the British Government and this meant the co-operation, where possible, of the Political Agent. The number of converts soon increased, and finally the erection of a church building was undertaken. Mr. Toombs' account of the events connected with this enterprise was enriched by details of the activities of individuals and by his observations on the seriousness with which people in India view their religion, resulting in the payment of one-tenth of their meagre earnings. Slowly but surely the church was built and paid for, and furniture and appointments installed. As Indian worshippers sit on the floor, no chairs or benches were needed! The completion of this undertaking Mr. Toombs regarded as a rich reward for months of toil and not a little hardship experienced by Mrs. Toombs and himself. ''Only those who first love God can make the sacrifices entailed in such a life,'' he said. He expects to return to India at the end of his furlough, during which he is preparing for his degree in divinity.

Mrs. W. E. Baker presided and devotional exercises were conducted by the Auxiliary of the Ephraim Scott Church. Reports from all departments were encouraging: seven thousand dollars had been sent to the Provincial

Treasurer, Mission Bands were thriving, Young Women's Auxiliaries increasing, Home Helpers progressing, bales being forwarded to the West, and the drive to increase the circulation of the *Glad Tidings* proceeding satisfactorily; thirteen hundred and seventy-five subscriptions were reported for 1935.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Y.W.A. Leaders' Fellowship was held in Knox Crescent Church with the President, Miss Barbara J. Dougherty, in the chair. Greetings were received from the Provincial Board and Montreal Presbyterial. It was decided that the year's programme should include a thorough study of the constitution of the Women's Missionary Society and two inspirational addresses based on the reports of the delegates to the Indianapolis Conference. A thought-provoking address on the value of Stewardship was given by Miss Laura K. Pelton. Following this, Miss K. Fowler and Miss Cavers, on behalf of the Montreal Y.W.A. Leaders' Fellowship, presented Miss Pelton with a wrist watch as a slight token of their esteem. Miss Mildred Cavers was elected President.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. S. FARLEY was hostess to the Regina members of the Provincial Board which met November 8th to discuss matters of business. Mrs. J. A. Sinclair entertained the sub-executive of the Provincial Board in honour of Mrs. Walter Martin prior to her departure to spend the winter in the East. The Regina friends of Mrs. R. B. Ferguson are happy to welcome her back to the city after her extended visit in Ontario.

Moose Jaw P.S.—At the mid-year Presbyterial executive meeting in Knox Church, Moose Jaw, Mrs. H. A. Stavely presided. Encouraging reports were received from the Secretaries. At the afternoon session Miss L. Macarthur, deaconess at large in Regina, gave a most challenging address on the subject ''Ambassadors for Christ''.

Regina P.S.—At the November meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, Mrs. G. Thomson gave a most interesting talk on ''Work and Study of Missions''. Miss L. Macarthur had charge of the devotions, taking as her topic ''The First Missionary Journey''.

Saskatoon P.S.—At the Thank-Offering meeting of Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, Mrs. A. S. Sibbald gave an excellent address on the work of Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Goforth. The tableau giving an interpretation of Jewish History by members of the Girls' Guild was most interesting. Members of the Mission Band also took part in the programme.

Treasurer's Statement

November 30th, 1935

RECEIPTS

A Friend, "Western Relief"	$ 5.00
Mrs. Thos. Bell, Toronto	10.00
Girls' Class, Strabane, Ont.	5.00
Toronto Chinese Ladies' Auxiliary	30.00
Pensions received from workers	19.35
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Provincial Givings:

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DISBURSEMENTS

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The Glad Tidings

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As we go to press, we would pause to do reverence to the memory of one who was not only a great king, but also a humble servant of God and his people. We recall how his Christmas and Jubilee messages warmed our hearts and strengthened our devotion to the man of whom Kipling said recently

> *"not power misled nor ease ensnared him*
> *Who had spared himself no more than his seas had spared him!"*

While sorrowing in the death of our late Sovereign, George V, we give thanks to Almighty God for his devoted service during the long and troublous years of his reign. With all other members of the King's dominions we, the members of the Women's Missionary Society, would re-affirm our loyalty to the Crown. May God's richest blessing rest upon King Edward VIII.

Editorial

News from the West

INTERESTING news of work and workers in Western Canada was brought to a recent meeting of the Council Executive by Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Secretary of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. As he visited congregations and mission fields throughout the country, he was deeply impressed by the remarkable work accomplished by the Women's Missionary Society during the last ten years, and very appreciative of the assistance given every other department of Church work, especially the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

He visited the new districts in northern Saskatchewan where farmers from the dried-out areas in the south are once more beginning life as pioneers. In and about Smeaton, Rev. James Wilson is doing a good work, not only by his own tireless efforts, but also by his happy faculty of getting others to work. Through his influence four churches have been built, and he is preaching in other places as well. He has, Dr. Kannawin said, given visibility to our cause. At Weirdale, a hospital is being built to serve a wide field, timber having been given and much of the work done by the people themselves. It would, it was hoped, soon be open for patients.

In Alberta, Miss Ruby Walker is carrying on very successful work near Lloydminster, and in Willowdale, about twelve miles east of Red Deer, Miss Frieda Matthews is rendering a remarkable service among the scattered settlers. In fact, wherever our deaconesses are, Dr. Kannawin found excellent work being done, in all of which he saw the fine influence of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home in Toronto.

At Grande Prairie, in the Peace River district, the hospital founded in the early days by the Women's Missionary Society has developed into the present beautiful, splendidly equipped municipal hospital. At the Presbytery meeting at Wanham, Dr. Kannawin met all the Church representatives except Dr. Margaret Strang Savage, to whose remarkable work the people at Dixonville paid high tribute. He could not speak too highly of what Miss Todd and Miss Grigor are accomplishing, driving all over the country around Brownvale and Wanham, wherever there is an opportunity for service. He visited homes with them, spoke to Mission Bands and Sunday Schools,—some children walking three miles through mud to be present. Everywhere he went in the Peace River district he heard the highest tributes paid to the work of the representatives of the Presbyterian Church.

In Vancouver Dr. Kannawin found Miss Roberta Smith doing a difficult work well, mainly by house to house visiting. The Society had greatly assisted the work of the Church by making it possible for Miss Ruby Blyth to continue her Sunday School work in South Vancouver and

Dunbar, which, in Dr. Kannawin's opinion, it would have been a tragedy to give up. Church services are being conducted and a Young People's Society has been organized, as well as a boys' group. When Miss Blyth decided that a building was necessary for the Sunday School in Dunbar, a lumber firm contributed material, and carpenters and masons gave free labour, so that with the expenditure of very little money a small building had been put up, which was dedicated the week before Dr. Kannawin's visit. In South Vancouver, too, the people are hoping to have a building of their own; they have already been given a valuable lot on which to build.

It is Dr. Kannawin's belief that there is for our Church a great opportunity for service in the Western Provinces, if it is prepared to face actual conditions in the outlying districts.

Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D.

THE Presbyterian Church in Canada lost one of its oldest and most honoured ministers in the death, on November 29th, of Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., at the age of eighty-five years.

Born in Lanark, Ontario, in 1850, he was educated in the Lanark schools and at Queen's University, Kingston. Ordained at Brockville in 1873, he was minister at Merrickville, at Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant, and at Brampton in Ontario. When at the beginning of 1889, the newly organized congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, sought a pastor, the choice fell on Rev. E. D. McLaren. For more than ten years he remained as minister of St. Andrew's, until in 1902 he was appointed General Secretary of Home Missions (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. After nine years of arduous service in this office, Dr. McLaren resigned and was at the head of a boys' school in Vancouver until at the beginning of the Great War he was accepted for service overseas as a chaplain. Until his death he was chaplain of Shaughnessy Military Hospital, of the provincial command of the Canadian Legion, and of the Canadian Club of Vancouver.

For nearly fifty years Dr. McLaren had lived in Vancouver, ever active in promoting the welfare of its people. Although not the minister of a congregation since 1902, he had continued to take an active interest in Church work and frequently preached for other ministers. In recognition of his many years of service and of his own worth, on August 25, 1935, the Native Sons of British Columbia, Post No. 2, bestowed the Good Citizenship Medal on Dr. McLaren as the citizen of Vancouver most deserving of honour.

The Women's Missionary Society mourns the loss of a great servant of the Church, an untiring worker in the cause of Home Missions, and a faithful friend of their Society. Their sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. McLaren and her daughter, Mrs. Wilson.

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After the above note was sent to press word came of the death of Mrs. E. D. McLaren, on January 9th, at her home in Vancouver.

Death of Miss Innes

IT was with sincere regret that the Council Executive learned of the death, on December 27th, of Miss Annie Innes, the sister of Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, pioneer mission worker at the All People's Presbyterian Mission, Gonor, Manitoba. The funeral service on December 31st was conducted by Rev. George Gunn, of the All People's Mission. While Miss Innes had not been on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society, the members realized that, in a large measure, Mrs. Mackenzie's fine work was made possible by her sister's assistance and sympathy. To Mrs. Mackenzie the women of our Church would extend their sincerest sympathy.

The Memorial to Miss Fraser

WE are glad to be able to report that up to the time of going to press there has been a very gratifying response to the Council's appeal for a large increase in the number of subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings* as a memorial to Miss Fraser. Although many returns are not yet in, the great majority of the lists already received show a marked increase in the number of subscriptions. This increase has meant much careful planning and hard work on the part of *Glad Tidings'* Secretaries, Provincial Presbyterial and Auxiliary, as well as the many members who have assisted, and perhaps sacrifice on the part of some subscribers. The whole Society is very grateful to all who are in any way contributing to the memorial.

Mounting the New Maps

ATTENTION is called to the advertisement of the new maps of our mission fields. For the mounting of the maps, the following suggestions are offered, from experience gained by having sets mounted for the use of Field Secretaries.

To make it convenient to carry or pack, the map may be cut into twelve sections. These sections should then be carefully pasted on to strong cloth, factory cotton or linen,—the cloth being slightly larger than the whole map,—leaving a very narrow space between the sections so that the map may be folded without breaking the edges.

Overseas Calls—1936

MRS. D. INGLIS GRANT

For Manchuria - - -	1 Evangelist 1 Nurse Evangelist
For Koreans in Japan	1 Medical Woman
For Formosa - - - -	1 Medical Woman 2 Evangelists
For Jhansi, India - -	1 High School Teacher (University graduate)
For British Guiana -	1 Evangelist

THE following article explains, in a measure, the above calls which have come to the Candidates' Department from the Overseas Secretaries. They are but the present, definite needs which the Society hopes to be in a position to finance as soon as the necessary candidates are secured and their missionary preparation is completed.

The policy of the Council Executive regarding the re-opening of our work in Manchuria is that no worker shall go there alone. Some months ago the General Board of Missions asked that we send two evangelists to this field, one to have nurse's training. There is no mission hospital or hospital unit or dispensary in connection with our work in Manchuria. It is expected that both new missionaries will do evangelistic work in and about the city of Szepingkai, the nurse using her profession along the line of public health nursing. The field is not an easy one. The work is but beginning, and the call and the challenge are to those who would serve God in the difficult places. The department is asking for these two workers on the understanding that suitable accommodation will be provided for them in the near future.

In the city of Osaka, in Japan, are large Korean centres without medical attention or access to hospitals. The women have only the Korean language, and even were the Japanese doctors available, mothers are somewhat fearful of the medical man who speaks an unknown tongue. Children become ill. Disease spreads. The result is obvious. This call is urgent, yet the opportunity is not just for any medical woman, but rather for the doctor who would go to heal the sick for Christ's sake. The workers on the field are asking for this medical missionary, and the Women's Missionary Society is prepared to finance her going.

Formosa, too, needs a medical woman for the Mackay Memorial Hospital, and the Candidates' Department has canvassed the Church in its search for her. The situation in the Mackay Hospital is becoming acute, because the Presbyterian Church in Canada and its Women's Missionary Society have failed to meet this need. Surely there is to be found, somewhere in the Church, one medical missionary, man or woman, for so important a part of the Church's work.

Evangelists are also needed for village work in Formosa. The missionary spends two or three months in a district, visiting homes, gathering groups, forming study classes for instruction in Bible reading and Bible memory work, and holding services for the women and children. The call has come for, at least, two such district workers.

India, for the present, is confining her request to a need in Jhansi, where a college-trained young woman is needed for the principalship of the high school now being established there. It will require nearly two years for a candidate to make the necessary missionary preparation here, and later to acquire some knowledge of the language before undertaking the work.

From our nearest overseas field, British Guiana, comes one call. This year an estimate is being carried for another worker, presumably an evangelist, or deaconess, for this field. If a deaconess is sent to British Guiana, it is hoped her duties will include the training of native girls as Bible women. Already one or two promising girls are in line for such training, and the Secretary for British Guiana has high hopes that a graduate deaconess may go from here, to train these native girls in evangelistic work, as well as to have a part in other missionary work on the field.

The Candidates' Department sends these ''calls'' through the *Glad Tidings,* hoping they may be both seen and heard by the young women of the Church. Also, it would like to ask that as one contribution to the work of 1936, our women, young and old, would repeat these needs to others who may not see them, or may not hear them, unless they be told.

'Twas a Sheep

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that went astray
In the parable Jesus told,
'Twas a grown-up sheep that wandered away
From the ninety-and-nine in the fold.
And out on the hill-tops and out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd sought,
And back to the flock, and back to the fold,
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd brought.

Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed
And cared for still to-day?
Because there is danger if they go wrong
They will lead the lambs astray,
For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever they wander, wherever they go.

If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they,
So, still with the sheep we must earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs to-day.
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.—*Selected.*

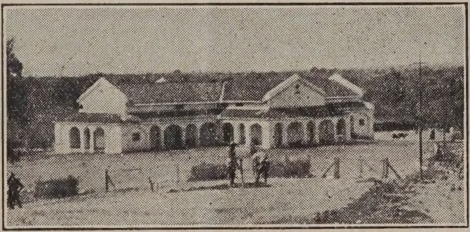
The Opening of the Louise Henderson Maternity Ward, Jobat, India

Miss Ruth Buchanan, *Amkhut*

MARK the Builder was hurrying in and out of the crowd, his arms full of hymn books, his head resplendent in a huge gold-brown turban. It was a great day for Mark, and for all the Jobat folk, and for sick and suffering women, too, like the one I had seen that morning in her wee bamboo cottage, weak and pale as a moon-beam.

And now in the afternoon there we all were, gathered in the Jobat Hospital for the opening of the Louise Henderson Maternity Ward. The young Rana Sahib was there, too, twenty years old that very day. To the right and left of him sat the other guests and the Hospital staff; in the pavilion before him were gathered a motley crowd—''tinker, tailor,'' their wives and children.

A year ago when Miss McConnell returned from furlough she had a long talk with Builder Mark, then the contract was signed, and Mark set to work. To-day the Maternity Ward stood complete—receiving room, eight bed-rooms, baby-room, and labour room: and oh, the cupboards full of adorable baby garments—pink and white and blue and yellow—and the darling swing cots with their funny-bunny quilts, and the happy-faced Indian nurse already on duty! You'd think that Mark had done it all, so pleased and proud he looked, passing out hymn books under the gay Chinese lanterns that *were* of his own making and hung all round the pavilion.



Jobat Hospital, to which the new ward has been added

''Ye gates lift up your heads on high,'' we sang, and our jubilant hearts echoed, ''Sursum corda''.

''Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.'' Dr. Buchanan repeated the solemn words of warning. Every institution, all equipment, was only a means to a holy end—a means of making visible a matchless Love, of becoming ''living epistles'' to these ''poorest, and lowliest, and lost.''

Then Miss McConnell and Miss Douglas sang, ''All things are possible, only believe!'' If you could have heard them, you would know just how earnest are their prayers and hopes for the future of this ''Pavitra Bhavan.'' That was what the Superintendent of the State called the new ward—a ''Bower of Holiness''. How lovely to think that when the Bower babies first touch at ''India's coral strand'', they will moor in a lagoon so gentle and gracious that visitors from the very first named it the ''Bower of God's Whiteness''.

The Superintendent referred, too, to the generosity of the donor, and a note of wonder crept into his voice. ''This rocky eminence, this lonely waste, these friendless people,'' he said, and turning to the chairman, ''Has Mrs. Henderson ever been in India?'' he asked. ''No—? How marvellous! I ask you to consider the wonder of it! Where is the giver? Where is the gift?'' Just at that moment I caught a glimpse of a radiant face in the audience: it was the face of Mark the Builder, and it said, ''The Love of Christ that *passeth understanding.*''

Amkhut Valley

Another hymn, a prayer, a pleasant little speech from the young Rana, three cheers and a tiger to wish him a happy birthday, the official opening of the Ward (silver lock and silver key!) and then tea for twenty-five guests in the charming W.M.S. bungalow. There was a cake, too—a chocolate cake with twenty pink candles. ''Wish, Rana Sahib,'' said Brown-eyed Susan, ''wish, and blow HARD!'' So he did, but one candle didn't blow out. ''One year to wait,'' we said. ''Till his wedding?'' said the Superintendent. But Kings still have their rights, and the Rana Sahib *wasn't telling!*

The jungles were pitch dark that night as we drove home into the hills, slithering down long tunnels of over-arching bamboos, splashing through half-dry mountain streams, and dropping into valleys of still blacker blackness. I thought of my little sick friend of the morning and of the many, many more like her for whom God is working out his purposes through the Louise Henderson Maternity Ward, its doctor and nurses, and through Indian folk like Mark the Builder, too, with his glad gospel in brick and mortar, and hymn books, and Chinese lanterns.

The Lord keep their little city, and bless all its watchmen.

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Speech made by Rana Bhim Singh Sahib of Jobat State, October 31st, 1935.

''I have great pleasure to be here among you to-day to perform the pleasant task of opening the Louise Henderson Maternity Ward. The preceding task of addressing you is very unpalatable to me and boring to the audience, perhaps. I do not therefore wish to detain you long for that may be testing your patience, nor do I wish to keep unoccupied long the chairs around Miss McConnell's tea table. It is certainly superfluous to dwell on the advantages of the hospital. Every year the number of Bhil-Bhilala patients is increasing. This in itself is a great proof of its appreciation, even by a backward people like the Bhils and the Bhilalas. A Maternity Ward is a necessary part of any hospital. In big cities there may be a number of maternity wards, some of which are being run by the State or Public funds and others by private donations. This clearly indicates that the great medical authorities, philanthropists, and the general mass of mankind, have realized the necessity of such accommodation wards.

''In a small place like Jobat where we are far away from any big hospital and where we have mostly a poor and illiterate population, the advantages of a maternity ward are immense, nay invaluable. And I doubt not that this will be readily realized by the local and neighbouring people.

''I take this opportunity of thanking Miss McConnell for her efforts in collecting funds and sacrificing her time and comfort in seeing this work completed and wish her to convey my thanks to the donor, Mrs. Henderson, for her very generous gift for the construction of this ward, and to her daughter for making a handsome donation to furnish the rooms. Every year on the occasion of my birthday I shall specially be reminded of this building and its generous donors. I shall be greatly interested in the working and progress of the ward which I am sure will gain strength and popularity as time goes on.''

The fruit of the spirit is just one word—Love. Joy is love exalted; peace is love in repose; long-suffering is love enduring; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battlefield; meekness is love in school, and temperance is love in training.—*D. L. Moody.*

World Day of Prayer Programme

February 28th, 1936

By Senorita Laura Jorquera of Santiago, Chile

Theme: *"On earth peace, goodwill toward men."*

Quiet Music

Hymn—"Lord of our Life, and God of our Salvation."
(Tune: *Flemming*)

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord He is God:
It is He that hath made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise;
Give thanks unto Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good:
His mercy endureth forever;
And His faithfulness unto all generations.
(Psalm 100.)

Prayer (in unison)

Eternal God, Light of the eyes that see Thee, Joy of the hearts that love Thee, and Strength of the souls that seek Thee, accept, we entreat Thee, the petitions of women to-day. Forgive all imperfections in our worship and so touch our hearts and empty them of self that our prayers may be acceptable in Thy sight and in accordance with Thy Divine will and purpose. Grant that we may be drawn closer together, and nearer to Thee ere this day closes, and that through the influence of Thy Holy Spirit we may be enabled to continue on our way uplifted and refreshed. These things we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Promises of Peace

Responsive Reading

Leader: For unto us a Child is born, a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Response: Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David and upon His kingdom; to order it and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even forever. (Isaiah 9: 6, 7.)

Leader: And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many peoples.

Response: And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks.

LEADER: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation.

RESPONSE: Neither shall they learn war any more. (Isaiah 2: 4.)

LEADER: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass;

RESPONSE: And He shall speak peace unto the heathen; and His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth. (Zechariah 9: 9, 10.)

Let us pray—**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

O God our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge before Thee in deep contrition of heart that we have not sought the ways of peace, neither for ourselves nor for our neighbours, still less for the world. Forgive us, we beseech Thee, and give unto us an hunger and thirst for peace, Thy peace, which passeth all understanding. Teach us to seek and labour for peace—peace within ourselves and with Thee, in our homes, and for our land in relation to the peoples of the world. Help us to believe in Thy promises of peace, and so to labour that it may speedily hold sway over all mankind. We ask it in the name of Him who is the Prince of Peace. Amen.

The Earth at Peace

The 35th Chapter of Isaiah will now be read as a Scripture lesson by the Leader or one appointed.

Period of Thanksgiving (Congregation in attitude of prayer)

LEADER: Let us thank the Lord our God for the growing and deepening consciousness of the need for peace.

Silent prayer.

For the many ways in which mankind is now working for a better understanding of the world's problems, and seeking their solution.

Silent prayer.

For the blessed assurances we find in His Word that ultimately peace and goodwill shall reign over all the earth.

Silent prayer.

Prayer: A General Thanksgiving (in unison)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun." (Tune: *Duke Street. L.M.*)

The Ways of Peace

LEADER: Let us pray for the League of Nations, that it may be increasingly instrumental in furthering God's purposes for the world.
Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for the Empire, our King and Queen and the members of the royal family.
Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for the *Church,* that the Spirit of grace and supplication be poured out upon her so that her spiritual life shall be revived and deepened.
Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for *youth* everywhere, that their vision of God may be clear and unobstructed and their enthusiasms and energies directed into channels of usefulness and service.
Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

Hymn—"Our Blest Redeemer." (Tune: *St. Cuthbert*)

(Remain seated and sing softly.)

LEADER: Let us pray for the realization of a more widespread interest in the cause of Temperance.
Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for Missions, and for Missionaries who are ambassadors of peace in all lands.
Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

Prayer (in unison)

Our loving Heavenly Father, we pray that the consciousness of the sin and wastefulness of war may be deepened, that the nations now at war may pause and reconsider their attitude and that we may be individually possessed by charity in our thinking, speaking and acting, that in our own community we may be accounted among those who work for peace. Amen.

Hymn—"O God of Love, O King of Peace." (Tune: *Quebec* or *Hesperus*)

Presentation of Projects (Information at end of programme)

Offering

Dedicatory Prayer (in unison)—*Remain seated with bowed heads.*

Our Father, for Thy loving care and bounty, we give Thee thanks. Accept the offering which we bring this day. Bless the gifts of the thousands who join in this act of worship around the world, that they may aid in fulfilling the prayer which our Lord taught His disciples, saying: "Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn—"The Day Thou Gavest, Lord." (Tune: *St. Clements*)

Congregation will remain standing.

LEADER: Jesus said: Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I

unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
(Gospel of St. John 14: 1, 27.)

Dismissal Prayer (in unison)

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

Information

In Canada last year the offerings amounted to $5,600.00 and were applied to the following: Chinese Christian Literature, Shanghai; Chinese Christian Literature for Children, Shanghai; West China Press, Chengtu; Kagawa Fellowship for Christian Literature; Japanese Christian Literature; Korean Christian Literature; Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children; Moslem Christian Literature; African Christian Literature; Indian Christian Literature; Ludhiana College, India, for Christian Literature; Vellore College, India, for Christian Literature; Jewish Christian Literature; Canadian School of Missions; Interdenominational Leper Mission for Christian Literature; Upper Canada Tract Society; British and Foreign Bible Society, in Canada; National Religious Educational Council of Canada.

The Programme as printed may be adapted to meet the need of the places where the meetings are held.

A special programme, called **Service of Worship for Youth**, is being printed for young women and girls, and may be ordered from the denominational literature depots of The Women's Missionary Societies. Price, one cent each.

Day of Prayer Programmes are ordered from the denominational Literature depots of The Women's Missionary Societies. Price, one cent each.

Please send offerings to the Treasurer, Inter-Board Committee: Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

Grant of the Yukon

He struck the North-west trail,
And dared the Arctic cold;
O'er craggy scarp, through frozen vale,
He faced the blizzard's blinding flail,
With men bewitched by gold.

The lure that led him on
Was not the glittering mine;
A sheep into the wilds had gone,
The shepherd to save the wayward one,
Forsook the ninety and nine.

He has struck once more the trail,
The trail of the Great Unknown;
His last adventure cannot fail,
For though he walks the shadowy vale,
He treads it not alone.

—J. Lewis Milligan, in the
British Weekly, October 31, 1935.

The Challenge of Our Opportunity

"THIS is a day of good tidings and we hold our peace.'' Does not this vivid Old Testament phrase sum up what many of us feel to be the situation in the Christian Church to-day? It is not peculiar to us more than to any other Church: in almost every missionary publication there is the same problem weighing upon those who feel that the missionary enterprise is an integral part of Christianity; but our primary concern is with our own Church, and if we look at the whole situation what do we find?

From field after field abroad we hear of either definite advance or opportunities for further development, or movements for which the Church has prayed for years; and over against that is the Church at home. Do we feel that the Church as a whole is ready and eager to seize these opportunities? Even the most optimistic among us is aware of great sections of our congregations who have no desire to give these ''good tidings'' to those who are eager for them—who are quite content to ''hold their peace''.

There is a widespread realization that what is most needed throughout the Church is a new sense of missionary urgency, a re-discovery of the full power of the Christian message. As was said at a meeting of Conveners in the summer: ''The weakness in missionary interest is due to the lack of vision as to what Christianity really means to ourselves, and until that message is fully grasped by our members no improvement can be looked for.'' Until all Church members have a sense that Christianity cannot be selfish and must touch the whole of life, we are only on the fringe of the whole problem.

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We hear of the need of a changed attitude to the whole missionary enterprise, and there must surely be two main lines along which we must seek it. The first is by prayer: not an easy asking of God to work a miracle while we sit by and watch the Church being suddenly transformed with zeal, but Christian prayer ''which demands a much harder discipline . . . the attempt to bring into conscious relationship with God all the elements of life, to become sensitive to Him in and through all the contacts of the self, to realize that nothing is apart from or indifferent to Him and that every lesser sphere should reveal and express His will.'' And the second line is that of work, especially that of personal contacts and individual consecration. We in the W.M.A. have a wonderful heritage of information and touch with the field, and just *because* we have been given so much, our responsibility is the heavier. Unless we, who have had such opportunities, have a clear sense of our message and a wide vision, how can we pass it on to the Church as a whole? We are being called to share in a work that will demand all our heart and soul and mind, and many of us will need new gifts of wisdom and grace to attempt it at all.

Facing the challenge of the present opportunity will probably produce apparently contradictory yet complementary feelings in us. One is the sense of being utterly at the end of our resources: there is so much inertia and lack of response in the Churches, and we know, too, that often the fault lies in ourselves; yet, as Dr. Strachan quoted, ''The Church is never more dangerous than when it is weak.'' And over against that sense of insufficiency we must set a ''gallant and high-hearted happiness'' that believes, and acts upon the belief, that ''our sufficiency is of God''.

''It has become increasingly plain,'' writes Canon Raven, ''that only if the imagination of mankind were fired and its energies enlisted in a task of superhuman greatness was there any prospect of recovery from depression and inertia.'' The missionary enterprise, by calling forth every high endeavour, can give to the individual that full life which is the essence of Christianity, and if to the individual, then also to the Church. Let us set ourselves in humble and loyal consecration, towards helping our Church in its entirety to recapture the sense of good news which is the heart of the Christian gospel, and to see the vision of the magnificence of the world-wide Kingdom of God. So that before many days the whole Church may say, ''This is a day of good tidings . . . let us now go that we may tell the King's household.''

—From *Our Sisters in Other Lands.*

The Ministry of the Printed Page

MRS. W. W. CARTER

IT has come to our notice in the past months that many have been wondering about the work of the Library Department. In some minds it has been confused with that of the Literature Department. It is the purpose of this article to attempt to give a better understanding of the Library work, showing the many avenues of service which lie open to us in this wide field.

It is significant that the Library Department is known to many of us as the ''Sunshine Department'', because it has been a means of bringing sunshine to many cheerless homes. Who of us does not enjoy a good book or magazine? Probably you have piles of magazines in your basement, or stored in your attic—piles which are just collecting dust and which you are longing to get rid of. Here is your chance. You cannot imagine, until you get letters from these lonely people at the outposts of our country, just how much pleasure and sunshine merely the expenditure of a postage stamp on a magazine can bring. From their letters we learn something of their home life so that we can see further opportunities of making their lives more cheerful. We should hate to deprive them of the pleasure which they get from a magazine; it is often the only reading matter they possess.

Libraries have been opened throughout the country; these have been augmented by faithful members of our Society who, perhaps, go through their book-cases, placing all suitable books in the hands of their Auxiliary Library Secretary.

The literature contributed is sent to the Superintendents of School Residences, to lumber camps, and construction camps, as well as to Home Mission fields and hospitals. Sunday Schools have been opened up, perhaps in the homes of settlers far away from church or school, and it has been our pleasure to provide them with Sunday School papers, hymnals, catechisms and S. S. cards. In some of these Sunday Schools are representatives of many different creeds, together perhaps with some who have no special creed. Here is a marvellous opportunity to provide stimulating, helpful literature for these isolated people.

HIGHWAY CAMPS

A Highway Camp to which our Library Department has ministered

The Student going out in the summer finds his work made easier by the receipt of Hymn books. The deaconess finds the Christian Service Calendars and Reward Cards most useful; these are taken on her calls and are often used to brighten the walls of many cheerless homes. Copies of *Glad Tidings* are joyfully received. If only we realized the pleasure they give to those who receive them, we should at once order an extra copy to be sent to some outpost, thereby in a tangible way spreading the news of God's working in our own and other lands. These are a few of the avenues of service.

You may not be aware of the **free freight rate on parcels** shipped from one Church organization to another Church organization. This helps our work very materially and should stir us to greater activity. It will, too, obviate the difficulty we have heard so much about that the sending of books and magazines costs too much. There is one condition, however: shipments should be made between October 30th and June 30th. This means that we are right in the midst of our harvest: let us not be careless about it, or our harvest will not yield its full. With very little sacrifice we can do so much to brighten the lives of many people.

Shall we not in the year before us reach forth to greater achievement? Much can be accomplished if we put forth a greater effort to interest our members in this vital and important part of our W.M.S. work, the Library Department. This constitutes the Ministry of the Printed Page.

Why Foreign Missions?

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AMID the chaos and fear, the confusion and change of these days men everywhere are asking for certainties, grasping at every little straw which may seem to promise deliverance.

Two movements are radically altering the life of men and of nations. One is the emergence of what has been called a ''world culture''. Old barriers are breaking down. Distance is being eliminated. Bulgaria listens to radio programmes from Vienna and Athens. Canadian students spend their summers in Britain and in Germany. India's factories are as modern as those of Belgium, and her industrial problems as acute as those of any Western land. Americans are enthusiastic about Hindu philosophy. Toronto listens spell-bound to lectures about Christianity delivered by a Chinese scholar. In such a world old prejudices and ignorances are disappearing. Cultures and peoples share their knowledge and their life.

On the other hand, we witness the rise of new barriers. Fear, mistrust, the will to power, and an outworn economic system are causing nations to seek to be self-sufficing, to depend as little upon each other as possible, and to exclude in some cases, not only the produce, but also the ideas, of other lands.

And, strangely enough, it is in this direction that most men look for deliverance from the evils of our day. ''We must give ourselves,'' they say, ''to our nation and its well-being. That must be the highest claim upon our lives.'' It matters not that this involves the crushing of individuals, ignoring of morality and justice, retarding progress of all kinds, prohibiting freedom of thought and speech, and subduing Love to Hate. ''Fascism and Communism are our gods. To them and for them we give our lives.'' We Anglo-Saxons may think, with some sense of superiority, that this is true of Germany, Russia, and Italy, but not of the lands where we live. But, if we pause to reflect, we still realize that the State is gaining a greater hold over the ordinary living of every one of us, and that the tendency is toward more and more organization of society by government. Mr. Christopher Dawson has pointed out that the Totalitarian State, when it comes in England, will be democratic, pacifist and humanitarian. But it will make no less an absolute claim upon the life and allegiance of Englishmen.

In such a world the Christian lives. His faith means that the highest claim upon human life is made by the God and Father of Jesus Christ, the God of righteousness and love. He believes that the final solution for the ills of the world lies not in man but in God; that society can come to its own only as it becomes a part of the Christian Church. And the Church is the only international community of any consequence in the world to-day. The Christians in China and Japan, in Ethiopia and Italy, in India and in England have, in their common faith and common allegiance, a bond which transcends the differences between their nations.

And then we are asked, ''Why foreign missions?''

When we have come to realize that faith in God through Jesus Christ brings us into a society of those who share that faith; when we have enjoyed the stimulation and joy of such a fellowship, we cannot help but recognize that we, as members of the Christian Church, have certain responsibilities to that community. Christians in Ethiopia and in China become as interesting and significant to us as those in the congregation to which we belong.

What, then, is our responsibility to the Church all over the world?

It is a responsibility to understand. We cannot be content to remain ignorant of the struggle which the Christians in Germany are making against the claims of the State which would make itself their god; of the Christian revolution which Kagawa is leading in the whole life of Japan; of the deep spiritual understanding of the Eastern Orthodox Church; or of the strong sense of God held by the Christians of India. When we achieve the least measure of understanding with our fellow-Christians from these other lands we are humbled and ashamed, for we recognize that they have much to give to the life and thought of Canada and the Church here.

But it is a responsibility also to maintain a fellowship. Only as more and more people who are fighting the same battle, who are living on the same fundamental belief, enter into a real fellowship of life can the unity of the Christian Church in the world be made real. And it is only in this unity that there is any hope in a time so torn with divisive and destructive loyalties.

Then, too, it is a responsibility to share in the definite work of the Church all over the world. We in Canada owe much to the visits of Christian leaders from China, Great Britain, and the United States. In the Churches of Africa and the Orient there is need for money from the older, richer Churches and for highly trained men who will share in the leadership and the building up of the indigenous Church. Home claims, however pressing, should hold no greater appeal than those from abroad.

The Christian community in need wherever it may happen to be must be helped by the finest and best of every generation.

The Church is challenged to-day as it has never been before. A greater degree of unity is made possible for us by the fact that distances and physical barriers are so largely eliminated. The new national loyalties would claim first place in the lives of men. It is only as the Church becomes more and more one in its life, thought and prayer that it will be able to meet and to defeat this foe.—*In "The Canadian Student."*

The Devotional Part of the Programme

MISS P. B. LAMONT

THE importance of the devotional part of the programme at the Auxiliary meeting cannot be too highly estimated. It should be as carefully thought out as any other part and planned to meet existing needs. We are organized for united prayer and service. The meeting provides the time and place to promote this purpose. Should it not also provide an *atmosphere* which will make possible its realization?

The women attending the meeting have diversified experiences and come from various types of homes. Most of them, we trust, come with heart and mind filled with a spirit of devotion, but there probably are some who come with thoughts centred on their own affairs—perhaps flurried and out of breath trying to keep up in the race of life. Others may be engrossed with their own aches and pains. A few may even carry in their hearts ill-will and resentment. How can the thoughts of this group be drawn from the things of every day and centred on things eternal?

A well planned devotional service will help greatly. But a last minute hunting through Bible and Hymn book for a song to sing and a Psalm to read will not do it. The service should be built around a theme with all factors in accord, and those taking part should be carefully chosen. Begin with a hymn of praise. This will help to draw the thoughts to Him who has promised to be in the midst. Follow with other hymns and the reading of a passage of Scripture bearing on the theme. If the whole hymn is not to be sung choose those stanzas which contain the thought to be stressed. Quiet music at the beginning is of great value in helping to create a devotional atmosphere.

Prayers should be brief, sincere, and definite. The other part of the programme will give expression to needs which must be met if the Kingdom of Christ is to be advanced. In the prayers these needs should be presented before the Throne of Grace—in faith, believing that they will be supplied.

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, to whom can we come but unto Thee with our petitions for ourselves, for others, and for our work and workers? We would ask for a gracious outpouring of Thy blessing upon our Women's Missionary Society, as it strives to extend the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that others not interested may be aroused to the great need of the world, that they may be willing to join forces with us in working to the end that all may know Him, whom to know is Life Eternal. We pray that Thou wilt bless our workers at home and abroad, giving to them the constant evidence of Thy presence, as they go into the dark places of the earth proclaiming Thy redeeming and sustaining love. Father, we thank Thee for the courage and faith of those women who so many years ago founded this great organization, who saw it as part of a great world-wide fellowship in Christ our Leader. We pray that Thou wilt grant unto us the courage that is ever ready for new adventures in Thy service. May every woman in our Church be conscious of her personal responsibility in making known Thy love to the world. We pray that our Women's Missionary Society may re-dedicate itself to Thy service, striving for reconciliation and peace between nations and races. We pray that Thou wilt so reveal Thyself to us in this work which is Thine, that through it we may more and more come to know the love of God the Father, and the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, and may offer to Thee our souls and bodies, our thoughts and desires, our words and deeds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let Us Also Pray:

For guidance in setting forth our aims and for wisdom in making plans to fulfil these aims;

For the right atmosphere and message in all missionary meetings;

For a revival of missionary zeal throughout the whole Church;

For an awakening and strengthening of interest among the young so that more may offer themselves for service abroad;

For a keener sense of the opportunities of helping the lonely ones both in the scattered settlements and in the midst of our cities.

Service of Worship for Youth

This service was prepared by Miss O. Mary Hill, M.A., Girls' Work Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Secretary, Promotion Committee of the National Girls' Work Board, at the request of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FEBRUARY 28th, 1936

"Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace."

Youth of all Nations join in the observance of the World Day of Prayer, praying that the world may be guided into the paths of peace.

Theme: "Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace."

Organ or Piano Prelude

Call to Worship (all standing)

LEADER: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

RESPONSE: *Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing.*

LEADER: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

RESPONSE: *For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations.* (Psalm 100: 1, 2, 4 and 5.)

Hymn (all standing)—"Give to our God Immortal Praise."
(Tune: *Duke Street. L.M.*)

Prayer (in unison, standing)

Open wide the windows of our spirits, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.—*Christina Rossetti.*

I. Paths of Peace (all seated)

LEADER: "Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace;
Without Thy guiding hand we go astray,
And doubts appal, and sorrows still increase;
Lead us through Christ, the true and living Way."

To-day we have come together to pray for peace, in our land and throughout the world. Shall we ask first that we ourselves be led in the paths of peace, and shall we remember together the things that make us to dwell in peace?

We confess that we are often worried and afraid, fearful of what the future may bring, and our hearts have no rest.

GIRLS: *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you; let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.* (John 14: 27.)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee. (Isaiah 26: 3.)

Lord, help us so to trust Thee that Thy peace may dwell in our hearts. Amen.

LEADER: Sometimes our hearts are set upon our possessions, upon the things that we may own; and we waste our peace in envy of others, and like the rich young ruler, lose things far more precious than gold.

GIRLS: *Jesus said, ''Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal.*

''But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

''For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.''
(Matt. 6: 19, 20 and 21.)

Our Father, may we lay up our treasures in heaven, and be kept in the peace and power of Thy presence. Amen.

LEADER: We remember how often we have disturbed the peace of others by our hasty, unkind words, by our neglect, and by our thoughtless deeds.

GIRLS: *Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.*

And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another.
(Eph. 4: 31, 32.)

Set Thou a seal upon our lips, O God, and a guard upon our actions, that in the spirit of love we may live at peace with Thee and all men. Amen.

LEADER: Let us remember that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, dwells in the hearts of those who love the Lord above all else, and strive to do His will.

GIRLS: *For He is our peace.* (Eph. 2: 14.)

(A brief moment of silence)

Our Father, keep us in perfect peace this day, we beseech Thee, and all the days of our life; and grant that our minds may be stayed on Thee in loving trust, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn (all standing)—''Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts.''
(Tune: *Maryton, Winscott. L.M.*)

II. Peace Within Our Borders

LEADER: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His inheritance. (Psalm 33: 12.)
Let us read a Psalm of David, picturing life in the land whose people follow the Lord. (Reads Psalm 72: 1 to 6, 7, 8, 12 and 17.)
Even so come, Lord Jesus, within our borders, and rule; Thy dominion stretching even from sea unto sea. Amen.

Hymn (all standing)—''Lord, While for All Mankind We Pray.''
(Tune: *St. Flavian. C.M.*)

LEADER: For all those who have come from other countries and sought a home within our borders, we pray, O Lord.

GIRLS: *May we love them as our fellow citizens and part of God's great family, and by our kindly welcome make their life in the new land happy.*

LEADER: For all those in our land who are poor and needy, for children in slums, for those without work or hope, and for all our fellows whose lives are dark and sad, we pray Thee, O God.

GIRLS: *May we remember them, and give of our abundance to help them; and may that day come when work and food and leisure may be the portion of all.*

LEADER: For those who rule our land and make our laws, we pray Thee, O God.

GIRLS: *May their hearts be filled with Thy wisdom, and may we be their loyal followers, obeying and respecting the law.*

Prayer (in unison, all kneeling)

Lord, we thank Thee for our country, for its history, its brave pioneers, its heritage of faith, and for our opportunity to-day as its citizens. Teach us all to bear one another's burdens and the burdens of the commonwealth, with Thy royal law of love in our hearts, in Thy spirit of glad service. Give us all a vision of the woes of this our land: the misery of the slums, the despair of many of our fellows, the wan faces of little children, the wrongs that must be put right. Give us also a vision of our land as Thou wouldst have it be, and as Thou by Thy love in the hearts of Thy servants canst remake it. And take us to be Thy servants until the work be done. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —*Adapted from "A Day Book of Prayer."*

Offering—A solo might be sung—"These Things Shall Be, a Loftier Race."

III. On Earth, Peace

LEADER (*reads*): And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it.

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. (Isaiah 2: 2, 3, 4.)

GIRLS: *"Thy Kingdom come, O Lord;*
Wide-circling as the sun;
Fulfil of old Thy word
And make the nations one."

LEADER: Let us remember that we, the Christian youth of the world, as we unite in this service, have our part in the bringing of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

May we have a spirit of goodwill towards all people, of all races; may we welcome them into our land and consider them as our equals; may we realize what each race has contributed to our common heritage, and may we love them as brothers.

GIRLS: *"O Thou who camest from above*
That strife and war on earth should cease,
Imbue our hearts with perfect love,
Then shall we dwell in perfect peace."

LEADER: May we desire peace with our whole hearts and support all those who work to bring it upon earth: the League of Nations and all its members, the Christian Church throughout all the world, the missionaries who tell in foreign lands of the coming of the Prince of Peace.

GIRLS: *To the counsellors of peace there is joy.* (Prov. 12: 20.)
"Thrice blessed are they who make strife cease,
And all their lives are making peace."
(A brief moment of silence)

Prayer (in unison, all kneeling)

O Thou strong Father of all nations, draw all Thy great family together with an increasing sense of our common blood and destiny; that peace may come on earth at last, and Thy sun shed its light rejoicing on a holy brotherhood of peoples. Amen.

—*Walter Rauschenbusch.*

Hymn— (Tunes: *Canonbury, Melcombe. L.M.*)

Almighty Father, who dost give
The gift of life to all who live;
Look down on all earth's sin and strife,
And lift us to a nobler life.

Lift up our hearts, O King of Kings,
To brighter hopes and kindlier things;
To visions of a larger good,
And holier dreams of brotherhood.

Hear Thou the prayer Thy servants pray,
Uprising from all lands to-day;
And o'er the vanquished powers of sin
O bring Thy great salvation in. Amen.

LEADER: Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord of peace Himself give you peace, at all times, in all ways. The Lord be with you all. Amen.

Note.—Please send offerings to the Treasurer of the Inter-Board Committee, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ont.

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Mrs. Kelman, Girls' Organization Secretary, asks that girls and leaders make use of this service.

Books Old and New

LEREINE BALLANTYNE

THE World Day of Prayer on February 28th, 1936, will very soon occupy the attention of all of us, and wise is the President who orders her programmes early. The price is one cent each for any number of programmes for either Auxiliaries or Girls' Groups.

THE DAY OF PRAYER—the story of it. Price 3 cents.

It is not too late to make sure there is a set of *monthly envelopes* for each member. In sets of 12, one for each month. Price 2 cents a set.

Blue contribution envelopes. Price 35 cents a hundred.

Stock taking has made it possible to reduce the price of a number of missionary books. Write us for prices, if you would like a few for your book-shelf.

Easter will soon be here. PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SONGS is splendid for Mission Band or class use. All the songs are simple and beautiful. Price 35 cents.

EASTER IN OTHER LANDS—a programme for boys and girls, suitable for Mission Bands. Price 15 cents.

Books for the Time of Prayer

MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST contains inspirational readings for each day in the year. They are based on scriptural texts and are simple and exceedingly uplifting. A book to keep by one. Nicely bound in cloth. Price $1.25.

MISSIONARY PRAYERS AND HYMNS—a handy little book. Price 10 cents.

THE DEW OF STILLNESS, prayers and talks on the power of prayer—very fine and widely used. In paper, 35 cents.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR YOUNG WOMEN, including appropriate prayers for various occasions. Price 35 cents.

JESUS IN PRAYER LOOK TO JESUS	Two small books, artistically bound, suitable for many occasions or for gifts. Price 25 cents each.

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Officers and members will remember to look up the Literature table at the Presbyterial meetings, and secure what will be of most service in their homes or in the Auxiliary programmes. Interesting books on all countries and for all departments are available. Order through your Literature Secretary, or from the W.M.S. Publications, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

OUR LETTER BOX

Red Deer, Alta.

"THE days just now are terribly busy with the Christmas season fast approaching. I had to use a team for two weeks in November, but am thankful that we can again use cars, for there is so much territory to cover, getting all the Christmas parcels delivered before the 25th. On Monday I travelled fifty miles, driving all day in a storm, but I managed to get in three calls and one meeting. On Tuesday the weather settled a bit and I made five calls, had one meeting, and travelled only about twenty miles. To-day I drove over forty miles, made three calls, had practice at one school for a Christmas concert, and Mission Band at another. On the way, five Christmas parcels were delivered. So to-night finds me weary."

—*Frieda E. Matthews.*

Taihoku, Formosa, Japan.

''ON a recent Sunday we received into the Church by baptism fourteen patients, making twenty-one for 1935. It was a most inspiring sight to see those men, women, and young people standing there making confession of Christ and being received into the Church.

''We have now fifty-two inmates in the leprosy colony and have promised three others admission. There are plenty of lepers outside, but not unnaturally they value their freedom, and want to stay out as long as they have earning power. I never cease to give thanks to God for this Church, and to the Women's Missionary Society for their kindness and love in giving it. It is an unending blessing to our patients.

''Just now I am at Nagashima, a lovely island in the Inland Sea, where in 1930 was opened the first Federal Government Leper hospital in Japan. (There were already five provincial leper hospitals in operation.) There are over eleven hundred patients here, making over five thousand lepers in hospitals in Japan. There are still some ten thousand known lepers outside the hospitals receiving practically no proper care. In this hospital there are eight doctors, nearly all of whom are Christians,—all Christian except one, the Director, who lives a most Christ-like life. There are eighteen nurses, of whom eight are Christian. The spirit of service is beautiful.

''This statement by Governor-General Nakagawa will interest you: 'At this time Her Majesty the Dowager Empress, wishing to assist the work of saving and treating lepers in this island, has made gracious gifts to the government leprosarium Rakuseiin, and the Juridical Person Rakusanen (Happy Mount Leprosy Colony). Her Majesty is always most interested in those most distressed subjects of leprosy, and continually concerned about their treatment in this island. Once again being the recipients of this kind gift, I am truly greatly affected. We officials who are concerned in this matter, naturally, must together with all our people in the island follow the great example of sympathy, as one unit exert our efforts to stamp out leprosy. I have this kind of resolution in making reply to Her Majesty's love and mercy.'

'Special Government Notice No. 173, November 12, 1935. At this time in consequence of the desire of Her Majesty the Dowager Empress to assist the work of saving and treating lepers, she has made the following gracious gifts: Money Yen 1000.00, Rakuseiin. Money Yen 1000.00, (and annually for five years) Juridical Person Rakusanen.'

''Note: Rakusanen is Japanese for Happy Mount Leprosy Colony. Rakuseiin is the Government leprosy hospital opened in 1930.''

—*G. Gushue-Taylor.*

A NEW HOME AND MORE LANGUAGE STUDY

Tokyo, Japan.

"WE reached the end of our long journey about four weeks ago, and it left me deposited in the centre of the impregnable forest of the Japanese language, where I make my uncertain way about by means of the sign language mostly. I keep my address in my pocket-book with me always, so that, if I should get lost, people will at least know where to send me.

"Eight years ago, when we first reached the shores of Formosa and I found myself faced with the Chinese language, I had much of the 'lost' feeling that I have now. Only the Chinese language always seemed to me like a wall that I had to scale before I could accomplish anything. The other missionaries spoke of 'the Language' in a tone that made one feel that it was something to be regarded with respect and awe, which one did, or didn't, 'get', quite apart from worthiness of character or even earnestness of desire. 'Some people just could never get the language', they said; anyhow it left one with a sort of desperate fatalism as one buckled down to language study. I studied principally because I wanted to get over the 'wall', I wanted to sit down on the other side and rest with no wall in front of me, but after I had passed all my examinations, the children had arrived, and our missionary work was in full swing. To be required to learn the Japanese language also was somewhat of a blow, and at first I felt overwhelmed. I wasn't at all sure that my mind could compass two Oriental languages. But when we arrived in Formosa in September of this year, our Mission Council decided we should go back to Tokyo to study Japanese for a year. I am happy about it for one thing—the Japanese are a charming, cultured people, and the more we know them, the more we admire them. I am glad to learn their language in order to know them more intimately. There is no doubt that the Japanese language will be the language of Formosa in the future, but, during my lifetime at least, I think most of our Christian work, except perhaps in the schools, will still be done in the Formosan Chinese language.

"We had a very smooth trip from Vancouver to Formosa, the sun shone brilliantly most of the time, and the waves were a deep, dark blue. The children played on the deck, either in the swimming pool or round about it, and our time passed swiftly and pleasantly. We reached Formosa at the end of the first week in September, and after a little over a week there returned to Japan. The trip back from Formosa to Japan was not so fortunate. In second class on the little Japanese boat only Japanese food is served, which still does not seem adequate or appetizing to me. The children and I really went on a sort of fast for the four days going down to Formosa and returning. Can you imagine slices of raw fish pickles made with weird spices for breakfast, and not even bread and butter? Our ship was just in front of a typhoon, we were told, and 'Life on the ocean wave, and over the *rolling* deep', became quite a reality. I doubt if we would have eaten much even if we had gone first class on the boat. We were a day and a half late in reaching Kobe; then on the train to Tokyo we were held up for some hours by a landslide across the track, finally reaching Tokyo at twelve thirty at night, in the pouring rain. My little girl had for many days asked insistently, 'What do we go, go, go for? I want to stop. Where is our home, mother?' I, too, wanted a home, and wanted to stop. When we reached Tokyo, we were really at the end of the journey, but we had not yet found a home. The next day we went house-hunting and were very fortunate in being able to rent a Mission house on a Compound, where the children have a garden and space in which to play safely, although we are in the heart of the city. It was completely furnished too, the missionaries who ordinarily live here are home on furlough, and so we walked in, unpacked our clothes, and were at last—at home! It is a foreign house, which one is fortunate to have here in Tokyo. It is said to be thirty years old and hard to heat in winter. There are a couple of fireplaces, and also two sturdy big German stoves, as they are called, in which I am putting my trust to keep us warm during the winter. The housekeeping was rather complex at first; I had to learn the standard prices of everything in Tokyo, and where to buy, what to buy, and when. We look forward to a happy, busy year here. I wish you could see some of the strange hieroglyphics, like bird tracks on new-fallen snow, which we have to memorize, as they constitute the Japanese writing.''

—(Mrs.) Lillian R. Dickson.

JOYFUL SERVICE UNDER TRYING CONDITIONS

Wanham, Alberta.

''DURING the last two months I have been able to get around more than in July and August. There has not been quite so much rain, though roads are pretty bad yet. We have had severe frost which means there are deep ruts and the hard frozen ground is certainly hard on the poor horses' feet. It is a strain driving, I know. Tuesday's trip to Heart Valley was about the worst I'd had. After about three miles our doctor said, 'Had we not better turn back? We'll never make it.' However, I thought it might get better farther on. When we had gone nine miles, we stopped at one of our homes and had lunch. We'd left at half-past eight and it was then half-past eleven. The rest of the trip was not quite so bad,—we covered the six miles in an hour. We called on two more families, had our Mission Band, and left about five. The trip home was even worse, for the darkness came down as we were going through the bush and it was hard for the horses to pick their way. With the continual jolting my small lantern went out several times; however, we arrived home safely at nine. No matter how hard the trip is, I always feel 'He has led us safely all the way'.

''In Wanham our attendance and offerings have been very good. The attendance at Sunday School has averaged twenty-eight and at Church service thirty-five. A few of the younger children have not remained for the service lately and some of the others have been unable to come on account of rain and mud. Our Mission Band was resumed on September 11th. *The Black Bearded Barbarian* still holds their interest while they are finishing their work. This year we are giving the things they have made to the 'heathen round their doors'. There are so many districts just beyond, where there is neither Sunday School nor service, that this year we thought Home Missions should claim our interest.

''On account of the bad roads the Peace River Presbytery meeting had to be postponed until October 9th, when all got through except Dr. S. Savage who could not leave her field at that time. Reports were interesting and Dr. Kannawin addressed the evening meeting. Miss Todd drove him to her field and to Dixonville, bringing him back for our anniversary services on the 13th. As happens so often when we arrange a special service, we had rain and mud, with the result that those coming from outside points did not get in; however, we had twenty at the morning service and sixteen at the evening one. The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper were dispensed, one family walking three miles to have their two children baptized. After the morning service we drove to Prestville where twenty-five were present. Again the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed. We'd hoped to have three children baptized, but weather conditions prevented their coming out. As we drove back Dr. Kannawin said, 'Well, I never expected to get there through that mud.'

''On Tuesday we drove to Heart Valley, made five visits, at each house having reading and prayer, which was much appreciated. Then he addressed our Mission Band. We arrived home at half-past eight—we had left at half-past eight in the morning—but again the roads were in a terrible condition. I am sure Dr. Kannawin will not forget his trip to the Peace River country for a while.

''In Heart Valley attendance has been about the same, eight at Sunday School and twenty at service, while at Mission Band we have had the whole school,—eighteen. In Westvale our Sunday School has increased and we have had six present, two children newly in the district riding horseback five miles. The average attendance at service has been twenty, and fifteen children have remained for Mission Band. Weather conditions kept some of our Prestville people away. Our Sunday School has had an average attendance of twenty, our service thirty-five, and Mission Band twenty-eight.

Now that the roads are drying up, we hope the others will come back.

''During the two months I have driven seven hundred and twenty-four miles, conducting services and visiting, and have walked fifty miles. So often it is impossible to get through with the team, so that I have made good use of my rubber boots. On one trip lately we walked ten miles, through forty mud holes and two creeks; and other trips have been similar.

''A few bales have come in, one large one from Chatham Presbyterial with a fine lot of quilts and warm clothing. I'm afraid there will be just as much need this year as before. In many cases the crop has not been worth threshing, while other farmers have received a very low price for theirs.

''At both Wanham and Prestville attendance at our Women's Associations has kept up and the women are very much interested. Our last meeting at Prestville was held in one of the homes across the river. As recent floods and storms had washed away the bridge a temporary one was put up, just two logs thrown across. You should have seen two of us crawling over on our hands and knees, while the logs swayed up and down. Coming back, we waded across, the water coming up to our knees. There is certainly nothing monotonous in a missionary's life up here. And it is the happiest life—to bring encouragement and Christian cheer to those whose lives are not very easy. We have sent in over half our budget allocation and hope to raise the two hundred dollars by the end of the year.''

—*Margaret Grigor.*

YOUNG WOMEN

PRAISE YE THE LORD!

''WHEN the sun is just setting, at the moment in which the last glimmer passes out of sight, the herdsmen of the Alps take their mountain horns and send out four well-known notes echoing along from rock to rock. These are understood to mean, 'Praise ye the Lord!' These shepherds manage the alteration so that one may succeed another, the slope most distant shall take up a response to that which is nearer, and thus, higher and higher up the ridges, hill shall shout to hill, and peak shall answer peak, until the whole Swiss heart shall join in the simple and sublime anthem of praise to the Lord of all.''

Groups of women around the world will unite, this month, to send up an anthem of praise. Always the first Friday in Lent, the World Day of Prayer comes on February 28th, in this year of 1936. The Day begins in New Zealand and the Fiji Islands, and ends some forty hours later at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island off the coast of Alaska. You are invited to unite with the young women of the world in prayer, on that day. As the shepherds of the Alps unite to proclaim His praise, so may you share with Christian women the world around in proclaiming His praise.

Prayer is the tide for which the vessels wait,
Ere they can come to port. And if it be
The tide is low, how then canst thou expect
The treasure ship to see?

A STANDARD FOR 1936

Not less than ten regular meetings of your group during the year, each having a devotional service and a definite missionary programme.

At least half of the meetings planned and the programmes prepared by members of the group, without a speaker, and eight programmes based upon our own work.

At least two Thank-offering meetings each year, April and October. Use the Thank-offering Envelopes.

Every young woman of the Church a member of the group.

The *Glad Tidings* read in the home of every member.

Due consideration given by the group to all correspondence from the Presbyterial, and the prompt filling out and forwarding of reports when requested.

Representatives of the group at all open meetings of the Presbyterial.

The Annual Report used as a source of information at all meetings.

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING

"ON THE HIGHROAD"

— 1936 —

THE Programme of religious education for 'teen age girls known as "C.G.I.T." marks its twenty-first birthday during National C.G.I.T. Week, February 9 to 16, 1936. During that time over 39,000 girls and their leaders will be interpreting C.G.I.T. to their parents and friends in the local Church and in their community.

The leaders' magazine, *The Torch,* contains a Vesper service, a play and other material for groups. "On the Highroad" has been chosen as the special slogan, and last year groups travelled with their group leaders in a Sunday and a midweek session "on the highroad" of worship, study and leisure-time activities. The summer of 1935 found over three thousand 'teen age girls at C.G.I.T. Camps with their fine programme of worship, Bible Study, interest groups, and happy times in the out-of-doors.

The standards in ''recognition'' are guide-posts to girls and leaders as they plan their year's work.

A recognized C.G.I.T. group includes worship at the majority of their meetings, activities chosen by the group, adequate missionary education, the sharing by the group in the life and work of the local Church, as well as the leader's reading and reports. The ideal unit for a C.G.I.T. group is a Sunday School class, and the ideals and methods of C.G.I.T. are those of Christian education. In recent years one of the outstanding characteristics of C.G.I.T. groups has been the growing enthusiasm for live missionary projects related to the work of their own denomination. The affiliated C.G.I.T. group has been regarded by the Women's Missionary organizations of the various Protestant Churches co-operating in C.G.I.T. as the natural link between the Mission Band and the Young Women's Missionary group. One denomination reports that more missionary hand-books are sold to C.G.I.T. groups in proportion to their membership than to any other age group.

The purpose of National C.G.I.T. week is not only to interpret the C.G.I.T. movement but also to extend its sphere of usefulness. The National Girls' Work Board has continued to publish a fine set of ''Treasure Books'' which are very helpful to any leader of girls and which are available to any group which wish to use them. They are inexpensive, (the majority selling for thirty-five cents) and their titles reveal how vital they are. ''The Treasure Books of Homecraft'', of Discussion, of Books, of Stories, of Songs, and ''A Girls' Practice of the Presence of God'', a devotional book, are all worthy of being placed on a Leader's Bookshelf. Women in local Churches who are interested in their own 'teen age girls (and what greater responsibility is there than this?) would do well to see that their teachers and leaders are well equipped with good literature.

The strength and beauty of any movement depends upon its leadership, and C.G.I.T. has been fortunate in the large number of Christian women, young and old, who have consented to lead groups. Of course, there are immature and inexperienced leaders in some Churches where no one else will give of her time, and there are many Churches where the girls are eager to form a group, but they cannot find a leader. Free material on C.G.I.T. will be sent on request from your own denomination or provincial office. Perhaps in your Church there is a woman who would start ''On the Highroad'' of the Christian adventure in living with a group of adolescent girls in their Sunday and midweek sessions, or there may be a leader or teacher who needs your encouragement.

The future of the Church is in its youth. Will you do some thinking about those 'teen age girls in your own local Church, if there is no girls' organization for them? C.G.I.T. concerns itself with the home, Church, school, and community life of the girl, and what finer ideal could there be for the individual than the C.G.I.T. ''Purpose!''—

AS A CANADIAN GIRL IN TRAINING
Under the leadership of Jesus,
IT IS MY PURPOSE TO:
CHERISH HEALTH,
SEEK TRUTH,
KNOW GOD,
SERVE OTHERS,
And thus, with His help, become
The girl God would have me be.

Evelyn Craw, Secretary,
National Girls' Work Board.

MISSION BANDS

JOHN AND MARY VISIT CANTON

MISS ETHEL M. MCCUTCHEON

EARLY in September, John and Mary with their parents were visiting Mrs. H. O. T. Burkwall in Canton, South China. One day they went to visit the Hackett Medical College. They stepped up and through the little gate in the high wall and walked to the College through the grounds where there were many lovely flowers. They crossed the verandah and entered the hall. To the right was the dining-room where they were welcomed by Dr. Wong, the President of the College, and other members of the staff. They were sorry to learn that Dr. Jessie MacBean, whom they had looked forward to meeting, had been obliged to return to Canada because of ill-health.

Dr. Wong showed them through the hospital. All the wards were very clean and the beds very white. In one ward was a man who had been hurt while trying to sail his small boat—a Chinese Junk or Sampan —across the bows of an ocean liner; believing, as many Chinese do, that evil spirits were following him, he thought if he crossed in front of the larger vessel they would lose track of him. Now he was not only getting well, but was learning from the Christian Chinese doctors and nurses that when men believe in Christ they are not afraid of evil spirits. A Bible woman came frequently to read to him, as to the other patients. Slowly he was learning the truth, and opening his heart to Christ. He would take a copy of the Bible in Chinese home with him, and he and his family would study it with Bible women, who would go to his sampan to help them. They would begin to attend Church services, and soon would become converts to the Christian religion.

Dr. Wong took John and Mary up to the roof of the hospital to look over the city. From there they could see many sampans on the river. Dr. Wong told them that many Chinese children never knew any home but these filthy boats. But there was beautiful scenery too. They saw Pagodas, particularly the Flowery Pagoda and the ''Five-Storied'' Pagoda.

Lastly, they went to the children's ward. How lovely the children were! Their bright dark eyes watched the little fair Canadians, and a little cripple was very happy when John gave him a little toy monkey. Dr. Wong told them that the boy's uncle, who was the head of a group of beggars, had made this poor little crippled boy beg for him. The lad had had to lie on the cold stones of the street with only one thin garment on, so that people passing by would give him money. Of course, the uncle took the money. But the police had interfered and the boy had been brought to the Hackett Hospital. Now he was clean, comfortable and happy. Best of all, he was learning about Jesus. He was getting well and when the time came to leave the hospital, he would tell others about the Great Friend he had come to know.

Then Mary and John, their parents, Dr. Wong, and Mrs. Burkwall went to the dining-room for supper. During the meal, Mrs. Burkwall told them about the missionary whom they all loved, Dr. Jessie MacBean. Mary and John listened very closely. They had heard of Dr. MacBean at Mission Band, but it was, indeed, thrilling to be hearing her story in the very place where she had worked for many years. Dr. Wong told them how much they all missed Dr. MacBean whose highly efficient work had meant so much to both college and hospital.

As they walked home that night they talked about the hospital and Dr. MacBean, our own missionary who had done so much for the people of China.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. M. Moodie, 2719, 14th St. W., Calgary, Press Secretary

CALGARY Presbyterial met in Grace Church, Calgary, November 19th, with Mrs. T. A. Rodger in the chair. Miss C. Muldoon read a paper on ''Some of our Pioneer Missionaries''. It was decided to hold the annual meeting in Knox Church.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Calgary, was held on November 21st, Mrs. R. H. Williams presiding. Besides a full attendance of Auxiliary members, there was a good representation of men, boys, Young Women's Auxiliary and C.G.I.T. members. Rev. Mr. Williams read an interesting paper, and a really good play was presented by the C.G.I.T. Lantern views on ''The Land of Light and Shadow'' were also shown. Mrs. Birtle took part in the devotions.

The October meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary was well attended. Group Five had charge of the programme. Mrs. W. McGill gave an interesting address on Koreans in Japan, illustrated by lantern slides under the direction of Mrs. George Tollington. Mrs. Gunn gave a short but intensely interesting account of a recent visit to one of Alberta's Indian Schools. There was a fine display of knitted goods, including caps, mittens, scarves, socks, and crib blankets, as well as two afghans, which will be sent in the bales to the north.

Red Deer P.S.—The fall meeting of Red Deer Presbyterial Executive was held in Knox Church, Red Deer, on November 15th. Owing to the severe cold weather, the attendance was not quite so good as usual, but the reports from the various departments showed that the women were keenly interested and the work of our W.M.S. in this field was being faithfully carried on.

Red Deer Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting on November 14th. Rev. Mr. Mundy, of the Baptist Church, gave an interesting and instructive address on ''The Value of Mission Work.'' At the close of the meeting a profitable social hour was spent.

At the October meeting of Carstairs Auxiliary a splendid ''Glad Tidings Day'' programme was presented by the committee in charge. Each member responded gladly when asked to speak of one of the following: the watch tower, the best liked prayer, the favourite poem, the most helpful article, the most interesting story, all from the *Glad Tidings* and our Magazine Tree. It was an interesting and helpful hour.

Macleod P.S.—St. John's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, held its annual Thank-offering meeting on November 22nd. There was a splendid attendance of young people as well as of W.M.S. members and others to hear Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Secretary for young people's work in the Dominion, who gave a clear, helpful address on our missionary activities. We feel deeply indebted to Dr. Kannawin for his timely help. Special music was given by the choir. The collection amounting to nearly ninety dollars made it certain that the allocation would be met.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the regular meeting of the Provincial Board in November, it was reported that the farewell gathering held in Fairview Church, Vancouver, for three outgoing missionaries, Misses Douglas, Ramsay and Weir, had been a real success and had served to deepen the interest in the overseas work and workers.

Westminster P.S.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of Fairview W.M.S. Auxiliary was held in November. The Rev. Dr. Ellis conducted the devotional exercises and commended the members for their co-operation and helpfulness. The Mission Band made a pleasing contribution to the programme by song and story. A delightful feature of the meeting was the presentation of Life Membership certificates and pins to Mrs. W. C. McBeth and Mrs. Bessie Hopkins.

In order to stimulate more interest in its work, the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Prince Rupert, has had addresses during the past months from Miss E. M. Earl, Mr. J. H. Gregg, Canon Rushbrook, and Inspector Hall. A social hour was spent at the close of each of these meetings.

Victoria P.S.—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, held a very successful Thank-offering meeting in October. The special guest speakers for the afternoon were Mrs. Cushion and Rev. J. S. Patterson of Knox Church. After the meeting a social hour was spent with the Home Helpers who were present in goodly numbers.

The Goforth Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, held its Thank-offering meeting in November. After the opening devotions, led by the Mission Band President, Miss Hazel Kennedy, each member responded to roll call by a verse from the Beatitudes. Mrs. Peasland, Provincial Mission Band Secretary, addressed the meeting on ''Peace and Thanksgiving,'' pointing out the Christian attitude and duty in regard to them.

World Day of Prayer Programmes

Additional copies of the World Day of Prayer programme may be obtained, for one cent each, from the Presbyterian W.M.S. Depository, Central Church, 1100 Thurlow Street, Vancouver. This address is printed at the request of the Central Committee for British Columbia.

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SUPERIOR P.S.—For First Church Auxiliary, Port Arthur, November 26th was ''Glad Tidings Day'', the motto being: ''Looking Backward and Going Forward''. The Society's aim, Miss Smellie announced, would be 25,000 subscriptions for 1936, in memory of Miss Fraser, the late editor, who had set this objective. Papers were read on ''Our Magazine Tree'', ''In Memory of Miss Fraser'', and ''Seventy Years of Progress'', by Mrs. C. Clark, Mrs. W. G. Smith and Mrs. Delbridge. After a solo by Miss Marjorie Mooney, Mrs. D. L. Cranston spoke briefly on ''What the *Glad Tidings* Means to Me''; Mrs. Comba on ''My Favourite Poem''; Mrs. Yule on ''Intimate Reminiscences''; Mrs. Dobie on ''My Favourite Article''; and Mrs. McIver on the current issue of *Glad Tidings.* The Treasurer reported having sent sixty-five dollars to the Presbyterial.

St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Fort William, met on November 28th, with Mrs. C. LeCocq in the chair. Mrs. Ballantyne was in charge of the ''Glad Tidings Day'' programme, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. LeCocq and Mrs. Delbridge assisting. The members were urged to support the effort to obtain 25,000 subscribers to the *Glad Tidings,* as a memorial to the late Miss Fraser, the editor from 1924 till her death in February, 1935.

''The greatest need of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to-day is young men for the ministry and young women for deaconesses,'' said the Right Reverend D. T. L. McKerroll, Moderator of the General Assembly, speaking before Superior Presbyterial in First Presbyterian Church, West Fort William. ''We need young people with keen minds and fine physique, with a spirit of sacrifice, who will build the Church again and make it strong. The challenge is before us to go out and extend God's dominion. The Presbyterian Church has always been a missionary Church, and any Church will die if it does no missionary work.'' Rev. Dr. McKerroll brought greetings from the General Assembly, stating that the spirit of the Church was greater than ever. He also told of his coast-to-coast visit to the Synods of the Church. He stressed the value of women's organizations, and congratulated the W.M.S. on the splendid work carried on in the Indian schools. The latter, he said, had been a source of great inspiration to him.

Mrs. P. Cundy, President, introduced the Moderator. Reports were presented by the various Secretaries. After the meeting tea was served by the members of First Church Auxiliary and an opportunity given all to meet the Moderator.

Winnipeg P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of Calvin Church, Weston, the chair was taken by Rev. D. Johnstone. Mrs. George Leckie, Presbyterial President, read the Scripture lesson. Mrs. Flook, Provincial President, spoke briefly. Miss Macdonald, deaconess, showed slides of ''Our Missionary Work in Canada'' which were greatly appreciated. Two layettes which had been made by the C.G.I.T. were presented by Mrs. Colvin, one to Mrs. Leckie for the work of the Supply Secretary, and one to Miss Macdonald for her work. A fine musical programme was given by the Mission Band and the C.G.I.T. There was a large attendance, and the offering amounted to twenty-one dollars.

ONTARIO

Mrs. J. R. Sanderson, 166 Hammersmith Ave., Toronto, Press Secretary

Provincial Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society will be held in Knox Church, Ottawa, April 21, 22, 23. Secretaries should send names of delegates by March 31st to the Billeting Secretary, Mrs. G. Scott Murray, 233 Clemow Avenue, Ottawa.

In Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia, a congregation less than a year old, an Auxiliary of the W.M.S. has been organized with ten members. The young women of Camlachie Church, a rural congregation, have joined the Senior Auxiliary. This helps to solve the problem of rural meetings and, we believe, will be beneficial to both young and older members. The ''Daughters of St. Andrew's'', a Junior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, have joined the Young Women's Auxiliary, augmenting their numbers by about five. Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, Toronto, addressed the Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary. Mooretown Auxiliary reports a year's good work and an allocation exceeded. At the fall Presbyterial Executive meeting Miss P. B. Lamont, Toronto, and Miss Cowan, Saskatoon, were guest speakers.

Allenford Auxiliary, Bruce and Owen Sound P.S., were guests of Owen Sound, when they observed ''Glad Tidings Day''. Mrs. Lyman Brown spoke of the influence of Miss Fraser's life and work. Other short messages were, ''The Magazine Tree'', ''What *Glad Tidings* Means to Me'', ''My Favourite Article'', ''My Favourite Poem'', ''Intimate Reminiscences'' and a review of the current number. Mrs. Nichol, Southampton, formerly a mission worker in British Guiana, addressed the Thank-offering meeting in Port Elgin. Tiverton Auxiliary, in celebrating the twenty-first birthday of the Provincial, added nineteen dollars to their treasury. A helpful report of the October Board of Management meeting has been given to all Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial.

The annual Mission Band rally of Brockville P.S. was held in First Church, Brockville, the Kemptville Band winning the prize for the largest delegation and for coming the longest distance, while Prescott with the highest points for the year won the coveted Banner. Brockville Band opened the programme with a Flag Ceremony, and devotions were taken by Dunbar Band. Slides of our mission fields and workers were explained by Mrs. W. D. Turner, Winchester.

The ''Katherine Lang'' Mission Band, Westminster Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma P.S., entertained their mothers and friends with a Christmas pageant directed by Mrs. W. R. D. Wiley, Mrs. B. Wilson and Mrs. J. J. Turner. Three Junior certificates were presented to Jean McDonald, Grace Jean McLean and Amy Jean McDonald, by Mrs. Wiley, Mrs. R. A. McLean, and Mrs. J. F. Nixon, respectively. Prizes were awarded for attendance, and candy, Mr. Angus Grant's treat, was given to each child present.

In honour of Ontario Provincial's twenty-first birthday Listowel Auxiliary, Stratford P.S., held a very successful tea which brought in twenty-one dollars. A gift of twenty-five dollars was also received from Mrs. Emery to apply to the cost of wiring Jobat Hospital, India.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Barrie, Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia, gave a fine address. This Auxiliary having just celebrated their fiftieth anniversary, a history of the past years, written by Mrs. James MacMartin, was read by Mrs. R. H. Rooke, President. The birthday cake with fifty candles was cut by Mrs. J. McL. Stevenson, charter member. They report their allocation exceeded. At a sectional meeting in Stroud many heard addresses by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Toombs, India. Collingwood Auxiliary presented a musical treat of exceptional merit when a recital was given by Mae Wilkinson, Midland, accompanied by Mr. H. Wilkinson. Mrs. Douglass Major, also of Midland, gave several readings. This Auxiliary sent a box of Christmas gifts to one of our less fortunate Sunday Schools. Mrs. K. N. Cooper addressed the young people of First Church on ''Are Young People Interested in Missions?'' The Mission Band gave a delightful Yule-tide concert. Nottawasaga held an old-time quilting party, and Mrs. Janet Scott, veteran worker, again presides over Nottawa Auxiliary. Many from neighbouring congregations attended the Thank-offering meeting at Duntroon at which Miss S. McQueen spoke.

Sectional meetings in Chatham P.S. were held at Bothwell and Windsor with Mrs. Fletcher as speaker, while at Duart Mrs. Watson told experiences of early W.M.S. work. Dresden heard Rev. F. R. Armstrong. Mrs. Dickson, of Dutton, spoke at Ridgetown. The ''Dr. Margaret Strang'' Young Women's Auxiliary, Chatham, have joined the Senior Auxiliary. Miss Lucy Saunders spoke at the Thank-offering meeting. Dresden Mission Band sent a lovely afghan to Miss Cuddy.

Grace Mission Band, Campbellville, Guelph P.S., brought honour to their Church and Society, when they celebrated what they believe to be a record, their thirtieth birthday, by an afternoon tea at which about two hundred mothers and daughters were present. Mrs. Gamble, Guelph, gave an inspiring address, while Miss P. Higinbotham, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, brought greetings. Mrs. R. C. Menzies, retiring after being leader since the Band's inception, was presented with a silver basket containing thirty roses. It is, indeed, doubtful if another Band has had continuous leadership for thirty years.

A successful and well attended Young Women's conference was held in Knox Church, Toronto, Mrs. A. C. Stewart, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, presiding. Representatives from the Council Executive, Provincial Board and Presbyterial were present and spoke on different phases of the work. Miss Laura K. Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary, led in a helpful discussion. Miss Helen Mackintosh, newly appointed editor of *Glad Tidings,* was introduced by Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary of the Council Executive. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed, members of Knox Young Women's Auxiliary being hostesses.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA P.S.—The annual meeting of the Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, was held on December 11th, Mrs. Jos. Tanner presiding in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mrs. G. M. Bell. Reports presented by the departmental Secretaries showed an increase of interest in the different branches of the work. Mrs. L. J. D. Fasken and Miss L. Macarthur gave the missionary and Bible study talks. Miss Macarthur read an interesting letter from Miss Alma Burdick, of Formosa.

Knox Auxiliary, Carnduff, held their Thank-offering meeting in November. As each member had been requested to bring a friend, there were eight present. The dominant thought of the discussion was ''Thankfulness for our many mercies and blessings''. A question box was one feature of the programme, all questions and answers dealing with the duty of the member to the Auxiliary. To the President, Mrs. James Walker, a Life Membership was presented. The offering was $6.40.

Saskatoon P.S.—At the annual meeting of Parkview Auxiliary the reports of the Secretaries were encouraging, each showing improvement over the previous year. Mrs. Novikoff was the speaker, her subject, ''What Christianity offers the rural people of the East''. An installation service for W.M.S. officers was held at the morning service on December 8th.

Prince Albert P.S.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of the ''James Nisbet'' Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, was held in November. A good attendance was recorded. Miss Lily Macarthur was the special speaker, taking as her subject ''Ambassadors for Christ.'' Mrs. W. Morgan also addressed the meeting on ''Prayer''. The Thank-offering meeting and twenty-second birthday party of Prince Albert Mission Band was held November 23rd. More than thirty-five boys and girls took part in the programme which consisted of choruses, missionary recitations, songs, and a dialogue entitled ''The House of Do What You Can''. Rev. A. Murray, D.D., of Sydney, Nova Scotia, gave a short address on New Zealand, his native land. A birthday cake decorated with candles was cut by Mrs. C. Leach, a charter member, and Mrs. G. Ballantine, one of the first leaders, poured tea. The ''Lucy Baker'' Young Women's Auxiliary presented a Christmas pageant at their December meeting, at which members of the ''James Nisbet'' Auxiliary were guests.

St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Tisdale, held their Thank-offering meeting in October. Miss Baxter, the guest speaker, spoke on South America as a missionary endeavour. She made a special appeal to the women to remember South America and its dire need in their prayers. On November 13th at a most inspiring meeting the Tisdale Auxiliary observed ''Glad Tidings Day'' in memory of Miss Fraser. Mrs. Hamilton read an interesting paper on ''Our Magazine Tree'', Mrs. Rowatt addressed the meeting on ''What the *Glad Tidings* Means to Me'', stressing the ''glad tidings'' found in several passages of Scripture.

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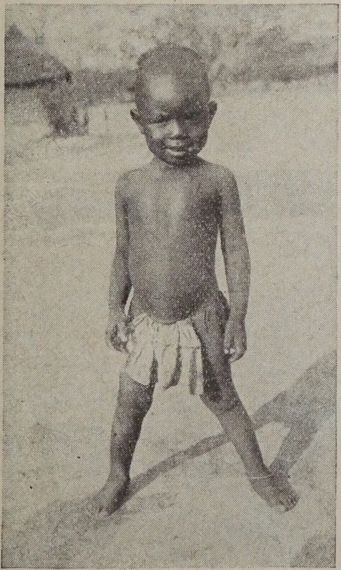

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Editorial

A Resignation

IT was with profound regret that the Council Executive accepted the resignation of Mrs. J. M. Poole from the Council and from the office of Secretary for Hospitals and School Residences, because of her departure to spend a year in South Africa. For ten years, as a member of the Board, at first Young Women's Secretary, then Secretary for Hospitals, and for the past four years Secretary for both Hospitals and School Residences, Mrs. Poole has given devoted service in the missionary work of the Church and the Women's Missionary Society. The Council Executive, sensible of the great value of her contribution to the work and deeply grateful for it, earnestly trust that she may at some future date be once more a member of the Board. In the meantime, all join in wishing her an enjoyable, beneficial year in South Africa.

Death of Mrs. L. A. Moore

IN the death on December 31st, 1935, of Mrs. L. A. Moore, of Sydney, Nova Scotia, Honorary President of the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.), the Presbyterian Church lost a loyal member and a faithful worker. Those who were associated with her in the mission work of the Church bear testimony to her devotion to duty, her tireless efforts in the cause of missions, and her comprehensive grasp of the work. To the Eastern Division of the Women's Missionary Society and to our Church in the Maritime Provinces, especially, she was truly a tower of strength. The members of the Western Division of the Women's Missionary Society extend their sympathy to those of the East in the loss of a great leader.

We very much regret an error on page 21 of the January issue of the *Glad Tidings.* Under Meeting Two of ''Planning a Year's Programme'', the last line should read D (*not* C), 1933, pp. 11-15; 1935, pp. 14-21.

Information regarding Weirdale Hospital may be found in the *Glad Tidings,* September, 1935, page 292; October, 1935, page 329; February, 1936, page 42.

Lantern Slides

The Mildred Soutar set will be in Quebec after March 1st for about two months. The Jessie MacBean will be available after March 8th.

Notices of Motion

I.

MRS. DONALD GORDON has given notice to the Council Executive that at the next meeting of the Council she will move:

1. That Article V (*b*) of the Constitution (The Council) be amended to read: ''The President and two officers or their elected substitutes from each Provincial Board''; and that V (*c*) be deleted.

2. That paragraph one of Section I of the Council and Council Executive By-laws be amended to read: ''The Council shall meet annually in September.''

3. That from Section XVII of the Council and Council Executive By-laws the words: ''including Life and Honorary Membership Certificates, In Memoriam Certificates and Life and Membership pins'' be deleted.

4. That the present Section XVII become Section XVIII, and that a new Section be added, with the heading, ''Life Membership Secretary'', to read as follows: ''The Life Membership Secretary shall have charge of issuing to Provincial Life Membership Secretaries all Life Membership Certificates, In Memoriam Certificates, Junior Membership Certificates, seals, and Junior Membership pins. She shall also have charge of all Honorary Membership Certificates, Honorary, Life and Auxiliary Membership pins. She shall conduct all correspondence connected with her department and receive reports from the Provincial Life Membership Secretaries.'' This new Section shall be Section XVII of the Council and Council Executive By-laws.

5. That in Section XXII of Provincial By-laws, ''Life Membership Secretary of the Council'' be substituted for ''Secretary of Publications''.

II.

It is recommended by the Council Executive that in all branches of the Society, whether Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' Groups or Mission Bands, Presbyterials or Provincials, the Treasurer of each of these branches shall hold all monies, including the general fund, the supply fund and the expense fund. The Treasurer of each of these branches shall keep a separate account for each of these funds.

As this will necessitate changes in the by-laws relating to the Supply and Treasurer's departments, Mrs. W. H. Fletcher has given notice to the Council Executive that at the next meeting of the Council she will move that such amendments be made to the by-laws as shall be necessary for the carrying out of this recommendation.

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Treasurer's Statement for 1935

THE auditors' statement was received and accepted by Council Executive at its meeting on February 11th and will appear in full in the Annual Report.

The following is an abbreviated statement of receipts and expenditures based on that statement.

Receipts

Alberta	$ 4,060.02	
British Columbia	5,510.00	
Manitoba	3,427.17	
Ontario	113,110.00	
Quebec	14,550.00	
Saskatchewan	2,290.75	
		$142,947.94
Individual subscriptions	$ 405.35	
Special refunds	4,561.74	
Interest	214.83	
		$5,181.92
		$148,129.86
Disbursements		$150,645.84
Deficit		$2,515.98

Before going into details may I say that we consider this a very fine statement and take this opportunity of congratulating the Provincials on their splendid work and fine showing.

Provincial givings for 1935 were	$142,947.94
Provincial givings for 1934 were	139,272.97
Increase in Provincial givings for 1935	$3,674.97

All Provinces but two have increased their givings which is a very hopeful indication for the future.

Total receipts for estimates in 1935	$148,129.86
Total receipts for estimates in 1934	145,386.25
Increase in total receipts for 1935	$2,743.61

Disbursements in 1935	$150,645.84
Disbursements in 1934	147,767.83
Increase in disbursements for 1935	$2,878.01

It is regrettable that disbursements have increased. Had they been kept at the same figure as 1934, there would have been a slight surplus. Let me assure the members of our Society that this increase in disbursements has not been due to any rash spending on the part of the Council Executive. Exchange to India—over which we have no control—has been responsible for $1,168.84 of the increase. But we have our needed buildings to show for part of it; the exchange on salaries and estimates, however, still goes on. The balance of the increase is due to small amounts which simply had to be granted. Our institutions find it very hard to collect money due them and the central treasury has had to help out. But we would assure every member that every copper of expenditure has been very closely watched. It is to be hoped that no one will be discouraged because there is a deficit even though givings are up. We have every right to be encouraged.

We are faced with this fact that in 1936 we must not expect anything in the way of special refunds and interest on current account. The banks have attended to the last, and the institutions from which our refunds came are closed or using their receipts to meet a cut estimate. Our estimate revenue for 1936 must, therefore, come largely from Provincials.

When the estimates for 1936 were printed, it was stated that they were subject to revision when our books closed.

Taking everything into consideration, it is generally agreed by the Finance Committee that some reduction in estimates must be made to bring them more nearly into line with what the Society is raising. Steps will be taken at once to do this and a statement will follow later. This will be very heart-breaking work, but will be for the best in the long run. Better support some work well than more work poorly. Better this than have our workers break down with work and worry. Our estimate is $160,000; we raise $148,129.86 and spend $150,645.84. Remember, too, that this year our work is lessened by the withdrawal of one deaconess, the sale of the hospital at South Porcupine, the closing of two residences, Prince Albert and Vegreville, and the termination of our work in Hackett Medical College owing to the lamented retirement of our missionary, Dr. Jessie MacBean.

Again we thank every member for loyal support of the work to which we are pledged. Let us keep that work and its needs in our minds; let us remember the work first and ourselves second; let us keep down unnecessary expenditures in every branch, and go forward with renewed enthusiasm and determination. We have every right to be encouraged. May God Himself guide us in all our ways.

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN,
Treasurer.

Reduction of Estimates

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE agreed, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, to reduce the estimates by $9,000, making them $151,000 instead of $160,000. Every department had to be reduced and this will mean a real hardship to many of our fields of work, but what is feared most is that the burden will rest most heavily on our staff who see the work to be done without money to do it. We should not transfer the burden of responsibility from our shoulders to theirs. Council Executive, however, were faced with this fact that of the $160,000 estimate our Provincials raised only $142,947.94 and also that next year we shall not get the special refunds of $4,561.74, or the interest of $214.83. That amount must now come from the Provincials and would still leave us short about $12,000. Hence the reduction to more nearly meet the givings of our women. But let no one think that she can now reduce her givings. We confidently expect that each year our givings will increase and with them our estimates till we are back to and beyond $160,000.

The Celebration of Christmas

Christmas! What Does It Mean to the Boys and Girls of Formosa?

TO quite a number, I am afraid it has not very much significance at all, except that it is a national holiday—the day on which the present Emperor's father died. But to the boys and girls who come to Church this day has a very different meaning, for they all realize that it is the birthday of Jesus Christ. For some of them, however, the day when the local Sunday School gives its Christmas concert is the special time of celebration, and this may be any time from the week before December 25th to the week after New Year's Day.

On that day, or night as it may often be, all the children and their parents and friends come to the church, which is usually packed to overflowing long before the hour of the concert. Then during the programme, either in classes or individually, the scholars appear on the platform and by singing, recitation and dramatization try to show forth what Christmas means to them. Usually there is a tree decorated with brightly coloured paper ribbon, balls and balloons, and in some Churches a small present is given to every child, and any special prizes are distributed which they may have earned through the year.

In one of our Churches, however, they try, in various ways, to bring to the minds of the children the real spirit of love for others. On Christmas Day all the children who can go out to the nearby Government Leprosy Hospital to sing carols and try in their own way to bring a little light and love to the inmates of this institution, showing that some one cares for them, too. During the year, moreover, a certain portion of the Sunday School offerings is set aside for a special purpose—the buying of rice to give to poor families near the Church—first of all, any members of the Church and then others who may be in need; and this is distributed on Christmas Day.

Left to right—Miss R. Heighton, Miss. H. Hermanson, Miss M. Ramsay, standing in front of a poinsettia bush.

I do not think I need tell just what joy it brings to the boys and girls who go out and do these acts at Christmas time, and to those who receive them what an insight into what the love of Christ can and will do in the lives of those who know Him, and who remember and keep in their hearts the birthday of their King and Saviour.

—M. Ramsay.

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Christmas in Amkhut

MANY things we associate with Christmas at home are lacking here. We miss the snow and all the bustle of the shops, the beautiful decorations, and other things that continually remind one that Christmas is drawing near.

In Amkhut, however, where Santa Claus has so many people to prepare for, it is necessary to take thought far in advance so that no one may be overlooked when the big day comes. This year Miss Maxwell had the school sewing finished when I returned after furlough. This was a great step on the way. Then, as usual for many years past, the contribution from Miss Robson's friends at Glenmorris provided many of the warm garments for the smaller children.

As many children in the hostels go to their homes at Christmas time, we had our Christmas programme for the school on December 20th. It consisted of Christmas hymns, a drama of the Christmas story, a song by the little children from the Babies' Home, a visit from Santa Claus and, last of all, the distribution of *gur* and peanuts. The arrival of Santa Claus is always an anxious moment. Some babies cry and some simply cannot make a noise of any kind, but our boys and girls know Santa Claus comes to bring them joy and always give him a warm welcome. The gifts he distributes are mostly clothing, but these are welcome. We had some dolls and balls for the little girls and boys, and a few special gifts for the children in the Home, but every one got *gur*, a kind of coarse brown sugar, and the older people got peanuts.

On Saturday many of the children left for home, but we had about fifty left to spend Christmas with us,—quite a tidy little family. The boys and girls come and sing for us early Christmas morning and the usual reward is candy. They sing their Christmas hymns and if we do not appear promptly they sing one of their *bhajans,* meaning ''The sun is up, it is morning; why are you still sleeping?'' Usually by Christmas Day we feel we have earned our repose.

On Christmas Day a large crowd attended the Church service in the morning. At two o'clock there was a party for the babies born during the year and all children up to five years of age. Sixteen babies received new frocks made by the ''Sahayak Sangati'' (Helping Society). The older children were given sweetmeats and small gifts. At four there was a football game for the men and older boys. In the evening we provided a special dinner for the hostel children and our teachers and their families; we all ate together in the girls' hostel.

During the afternoon we went to one of the villages and gave the school children their garments and a bundle of dates. They, in turn, showed us what they had learned about the meaning of Christmas: it is not just a day when they get something, but a day with a real meaning to every one who takes the name of Christ.

Life is never monotonous in this land. Besides all our own activities on Christmas Day we had drums beating for a wedding on one side of us and on another wailing for the dead, reminding us that life moves on and we must work while it is day.

The day after Christmas we invited the missionaries who could conveniently do so to have dinner with us. We had the Jobat folks and Mr. and Mrs. Young from Mendha, so that with the Amkhut people we had a jolly table. So this year we had about three Christmas celebrations; we trust that through them the spirit of the Prince of Peace has been made more real to us and to all those who shared with us.—*M. H. Williamson.*

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An Indian Christmas

A FEW days ago I read a short story entitled ''Snow on Christmas''. At that time my thoughts took a short journey back over the years to the days when I was at home, and I remembered how anxious we children always were if there were no signs of a ''white Christmas''. It seemed as if half the joy were lost, if there were no snow to welcome Santa Claus and his reindeer. In Central India we do not expect this aid to a Christmassy feeling, but we manage to have happy times, nevertheless.

On Christmas Eve we looked over our lists to make sure that there was something ready for each child on the compound. In addition to an article of clothing, a toy and a handful of candy, wrapped in gaily coloured paper, were set aside for each one. The candy was especially interesting because among the little marble-sized pieces were ever so many gun-shaped ones. Can't you imagine how they would tickle a boy's fancy? We had dolls from home for the little folks, beads from a C.G.I.T. Group for the bigger girls, and little booklets with pencils attached for the bigger boys. These donations from home help considerably to make the Christmas tree a big event for the children. Nan Singh, our *darzi,* had made pretty dresses for the little girls from old ones of ours. With these went jackets of orange, red, blue, and maroon flannel which a kind friend had given to Miss McConnell before she left Canada in 1934. The little boys got shirts and pants. The latter were also made from Canadian flannel. So, you see, Canada played a large part in Christmas in Jobat. Each school girl and boy got clothes which are more or less of a school uniform.

Our Christmas Day began with a visit from eight or ten youngsters who came up on the veranda where we were sleeping to sing a Christmas *bhajan.* As they were shivering with the cold, the music was not all it might have been; the spirit, however, was evident. We showed our appreciation by giving them fruit and candy. After this the morning passed quickly, as many of the people came to greet us with ''Bara din mubarak ho'' (''Happy Christmas''). At ten o'clock we had our Christmas service, followed by a children's programme. A song by the little children was very sweet. One line of the chorus was a repetition of ''Gloria''. The back row held the middle note, while those in front carried the refrain in the repetition of the word. As they all joined in the last note there was a full output of breath on the ''ah'' which might not have suited the ear of a critical musician, but no one in the audience could refrain from smiling with joy at the effort to praise with heart and voice. The main item on the programme was a dramatization of the story of the shepherds. Though the boys who took the parts of the shepherds were only about ten years old, they did remarkably well. The little dark-faced angels, with their robes of white mull and bandeaux of tinsel, were quite attractive. All in all, the performance of these boys and girls compared quite favourably with any other school concert, I am sure.

Of course, there were shining eyes on every side when the moment arrived to begin distribution of the gifts. Jai Singh and Unas had been gazing for some time at coloured balls which dangled from a branch of the tree, and Sushila and Damyanti seemed to know that one or other of the lovely dolls would eventually reach their arms. There was the dear old lady, too, who is so crippled that she cannot walk. She had been brought to the church for the Christmas concert, and her face beamed when she received a warm, many-hued knitted scarf. I could fill two or three pages with my impressions as I watched the gifts being received, but will tell of only one more. A boy by the name of Sekriya had been going around for days in shirt and pants that were mostly holes. He received his new clothing along with the other boys. When his name was called later on for a ball, he was dressed in the new shirt and pants. How he managed the change without a little commotion, I do not know.

Sports were held in the afternoon. In a series of amusing events the most amusing was a three-legged football game. I had never seen one before. The contestants were surprisingly agile, and seemed to care little about frequent tumbles.

At half-past six we gathered near the church for Christmas dinner. There were no tables spread with beautiful linen, no dimly-lit Christmas candles, no attractive table centres, but the food and the company left nothing to be desired. The spirit of Christmas had settled over us, and with our hearts echoing the refrain of the angels, ''Peace on earth, goodwill to men'', two hundred and twenty people ate a substantial dinner of rice, curry, and water. At the conclusion of the meal, Jigiya Padre returned thanks to God for the blessings of the day. And blessed it really had been.

—Bessie M. MacMurchy.

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Christmas with the Koreans in Japan

THE needles are beginning to fall off our Christmas tree, reminding us that the Christmas season is over for another year. In homes where there are Christian children this season was for some weeks eagerly awaited and should you have visited any kindergarten or Sunday School during the last month you would have known that Christmas was coming, for the story from Luke was being memorized and Christmas hymns were being sung lustily.

On the twenty-first we had our first kindergarten closing exercises at Moribe Church. The children arrived early, but had to wait until the mothers arrived. The bell was rung, the children marched in, formed a circle and sat on the floor. There was a short worship service during which some of the children recited the story of the birth of Jesus. After this they sang a number of motion songs and did some of their drills. The mothers were pleased, and once when a child did particularly well one woman said out loud, ''That is fine. How much better than out in the village streets learning bad language!'' The exercises closed with prayer, and each child went home carrying a small bag of fancy biscuit.

A few days later the Christmas services in the Churches began; all were impressive and well attended. One of the finest was that at Oge Church where some sixty children and grown-ups met. The building was prettily decorated and a beautiful Christmas tree with pretty little coloured lights stood in one corner. The Sunday School children had a large part in the programme, giving Bible verses, singing in groups or alone. One little lad of four years sang a solo, and he was just as natural and unconcerned as could be. This is one time in the year when every child is clean and neat, and to me it is always a joy just to look at them. Later a number of us from Kobe sang anthems and four young men sang a beautiful quartette. The seminary student in charge of the group preached a fine Gospel message to which all listened intently. After the benediction the children were given little bags of biscuit and candy.

The new Church at Moribe which was built to take the place of one the typhoon destroyed in 1935.

Perhaps you are wondering how Christmas is kept in Christian homes. Usually there is no special preparation, though some people do plan to have something different in the way of food. Some fathers will provide new clothes for their children at Christmastide, and these are looked upon as presents. This year it was my privilege to have supper in a Korean home on the evening of the twenty-sixth. The food was very good, of course, and we enjoyed it, but more pleasant still was the Christian fellowship which we had. The young wife showed me one or two presents which she had received, showing that some people have learned the joy of giving.

I would not conclude this description of Christmas among the Koreans without a word about our carol singers. At six o'clock on Christmas morning we were awakened by beautiful voices singing ''Holy Night'' and ''Joy to the World''. At first we wondered if we were back two thousand years, hearing the angels singing praises of the Prince of Peace;

then we realized that these were our Korean friends in this community who had been out singing carols at the homes of Christians since four o'clock. One cannot describe what this singing means to us each year. We pray that the message of peace and joy may remain with all during the coming year. —*Jean C. MacLean.*

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Christmas at Wanham

THE great day has arrived—the day set for the Christmas tree in Knox Presbyterian Church, Wanham, Peace River District! About six-thirty in troop a dozen children, and up to the front they march to view the lovely big tree in the corner, glittering with tinsel, stars, and other decorations. ''Oh, look! I wonder who will get that?''

At seven-thirty every available seat is taken, and many people are standing. The first item on the programme is the hymn ''Oh, Sing a Song of Bethlehem'' by the forty members of the school. No books have they, and doesn't the hymn ring out clear and loud! Gordon recites the Scripture story of the shepherds. Five-year-old Jean tells us of the Christmas Star that shone in the sky. Merilyn, Mattie, and Cecile next come with red and white bells answering the question, ''Why do we ring the joy bells?'' Little Jimmy comes up and with a big bow tells us about the holly in the window-pane. ''Oh, look, how pretty! Look at all these wee ones with the lighted candles!'' says one in the audience. These are little rays of Peace, Joy, Faith, Hope, and Happiness, and they tell what they are going to do in this world of sadness, singing at the close ''Jesus Bids Us Shine''. Clifford now recites the story of the Wise Men. Mary Sanoscki tells of the risen Christ. Seven girls sing sweetly the carol ''Holy Night''. George Naelitz bids us all ''Rejoice for Christ is Come''. Christmas questions and answers are given by the Primary Department. And with what joy they sing ''Away in a Manger'', for every one knows it by heart! Leola at the telephone tells Santa of a little girl who never had a gift. Five-year-old Stanley comes up and, between his tears, tries to say his piece—but it has to be left until next year. Again the school sings that grand old hymn ''As with Gladness Men of Old''. In a clear voice Ethel recites ''Bethlehem'' in eight long stanzas. Next, three small girls sing ''Dear Little Stranger'', the school joining in the chorus. Up comes little Louis Weigle and with a bow he tells of the nests where the little ones lie. A Christmas exercise, ''Jesus Our Companion'', by six girls is followed by the carol ''The First Nowell''. Billy Worznak recites ''Our Lord Emmanuel'', while Frances and Cassmia Jacobolsky give a dialogue, ''Holy Voices''. Six-year-old Robbie comes next and tells how he wouldn't be a growler. Betty and Doreen sing ''A Song of Christmas'', while the older girls and boys recite ''The Shepherds'', singing at the close ''While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night''. Five-year-old Mike Sanoscki tells us of the Happy Christmas Bell. ''Star of the East'' by the teachers and ''Hark the Herald Angels Sing'' by the school brings the programme to a close.

What next? The gifts? No, not yet. A year has almost gone and how many girls and boys have not missed a day from Sunday School? Yes, there have been days when the mud has been almost impassable and there have been days fifty below zero, but is there one who has not missed a day? No, not one, but one little girl has missed only two days. Seven have missed three days, while three have missed four days, so Testaments and Bibles are given to these eleven. For Church attendance three girls and a boy each receive a book, having missed only two and three days. For proficiency—gaining every possible mark in the register—the highest percentage is gained by two girls, a junior and an intermediate. The next goes to a boy.

Then one of the teachers tells of the work being done in the class. The children's minds are being stored with God's Word and they are being brought to a saving knowledge of the Saviour. She asks the parents to co-operate and help their boys and girls to read the lesson at home. Awards are given to her three best pupils. At last, we are ready for the gifts, but where have they come from? Our audience is told of God's greatest gift to us and because of love in the hearts of His people, little Mission Banders, older girls, young and older women have been busy all year knitting those lovely mitts, scarves and sweaters, and sacrificing and saving to buy toys and dolls to send up to the boys and girls of the Peace River District.

But what is that noise outside? Santa has just come, in his red coat and redder face, and, with a few words to the boys and girls, he gives a gift and a bag of candy to each one. Wee Doreen and Kathleen are afraid of this big stranger, but soon they are quieted and ready to take their presents.

Who are these? They have not been here before. Little Jenny and Helen Ewanchuik who live in the bush and have never been to a ''Christmas Tree'' before. See their happy faces as they come up for their gifts! Eight miles is a long way to drive in, but their father is going to bring them to Sunday School. He himself has just received an Ukrainian Bible and is reading it faithfully, learning about God and His Son Jesus Christ.

At last every gift is gone and the happy evening closes with ''Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow''.

''That had the real Christmas Spirit'', says one father. ''I am glad I came.''

—*Margaret Grigor.*

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Christmas at Brownvale

I WISH you could have peeped into Brownvale Church a few days before Christmas. You would have said, as one lady did, ''This must be the headquarters of Santa Claus.''

Such presents! Dolls, books, puzzles, games, scarves, mitts, and almost everything else you can think of that girls and boys enjoy.

Where did they come from? From the women and children of our Women's Missionary Society out in Edmonton and other parts of Canada, who certainly gave unstintingly that we might have a happy Christmas. I should like to say "Thank you!" to everyone who thought of us up here, and if you got as much joy out of giving as I did out of acting as Santa Claus for you, then I know you are fully repaid. Two hundred and sixty-five children were made very happy because of your thoughtfulness, and if they could broadcast what many of them said to me at the close of their programmes, you would catch on the air these words, "Thank you for the presents".

Your Santa Claus did not have reindeer, but she had a good prancing team of horses with a long string of bells, and a sleigh with a great big pack of toys, etc., up in front. What more could one wish for? I suppose you would all like to have been there as she shouted "Whoa!" to the team outside the school-house door, and a few minutes later seen the children's eyes grow larger as that pack was carried up to the platform. It is too bad you missed that, but you can imagine it as it happened in six different districts of our field. Mr. Fraser and I divided up on the Christmas trees, as it was not possible for one to attend them all. We certainly did have a happy Christmas. —*M. G. Todd.*

Girls' Guild at Figure Eight. Miss Todd at the extreme right.

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Christmas at the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital

WE had a quiet Christmas at the Rolland M. Boswell. All our patients were bed patients except our wee Rossie, who had been operated on three weeks before for a ruptured appendix. He was only three years old, and for over a week we did not have much hope of his recovery. We were all so pleased when Dr. Reid said he could sit in a chair by the Christmas tree. We had one mother who had been very ill. She had been in the hospital a month on Christmas Day. We sent a little Christmas parcel to each of her children; and they wrote such a nice letter thanking us, the four children signing it.

We had our Christmas tree in the nurses' dining-room. With a nice string of coloured lights, tinsel, and all the trimmings, it looked very fine by the time we got all the presents around it. After breakfast we opened parcels. We gave each of our patients a Christmas gift from the tree. Rossie was such a happy baby; he had so many toys. His eyes were like saucers when he saw what a lot of things Santa had brought him. Best of all, we let him have some candy. We put his chair out by the big table in the kitchen, and he played all day with his toys. Our friends were very good to us Christmas week, giving us turkeys, chickens, chocolates, and flowers. —*A. L. McPherson, Superintendent.*

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When Christmas Comes to the Cecilia Jeffrey

WHILE Christmas is yet almost five weeks distant the whole place is aglow with excitement. We hear fragments of dialogues, martial music of drills, singing, and catch a glimpse of tiny feet tripping through a folk dance with tiny heads held high. Suddenly Christmas carols are heard above the din of the children's practice. Scenery is brought into being, and properties assembled by the senior boys and girls. Gorgeous flower dresses, angel apparel, shepherd and pilgrim robes are cut and fitted on proud and approving ''characters''. Sometime during the flying weeks, time must be found to pack and tie a hundred and fifty parcels for the children's tree, with a dozen additional bundles of clothing for the older Indians, who with child-like directness have expressed their desires in good time.

Finally, the school is cleaned and polished, and gay red and green streamers, bright with icicles, are stretched across its wide ceilings, with bells and poinsettias bravely proclaiming Christmas from every conspicuous corner. On Christmas Eve the tree is set up, trimmed and lighted, and when little folks are safely in their dormitories, parcels creep from hiding-places to adorn its long sparkling branches.

Long before the rising bell has rung on Christmas morning, one hundred and fifty hilarious pupils have bounded from their beds, and pandemonium, beyond the control of the strictest of supervisors, reigns in the dormitories. Gay voices shout their greetings as the children are released and tumble downstairs to mingle with the Indians from six or eight reservations who have practically taken possession of the school.

Silent, stoical red men line the corridors, gay chattering squaws loiter expectantly, to take their beloved offspring from the hands of a relentless staff who pick their way over the feet of beaming grandmothers squatted at inconvenient angles on the crowded floor. But it is Christmas! There is a fellowship abroad that causes even their dark countenances to glow with the spirit of this strange festival.

At noon, lunch is served first to the children, then to the parents and friends, who usually number between two and three hundred. Through the children's dining-room, to receive a bag of sandwiches and cake and an apple, files the procession—old men, bowed and feeble with years, scantily clothed, whose faltering feet must have followed a long snow-swept trail to join this Christmas throng; old women in strange nondescript clothing; young matrons in gay colours; and ex-pupils, smart and immaculate for the occasion. This pageant of ancient and modern represents the advance of the Ojibway.

At two o'clock the programme begins. To the tiny ones the great attraction is the tree, upon which they gaze wide-eyed and wondering, with audible ''yahs!'' escaping from their happy lips.

There are few of our older pupils who have not acted the much-loved Christmas story; few of our boys who have not, as shepherds or wise men, followed the Bethlehem Star to lay their gifts reverently at the Christ Child's feet; few girls who have not bowed reverently before Mary who keeps watch by the manger in the quiet Christmas dawn. Christmas is very real to us, very real to the boys and girls who for the last time in the Cecilia Jeffrey may have staged their Christmas story. But in their hearts and memories the tradition of Christmas will endure.

—*Janet A. Carruthers.*

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Vegreville Residences

WE all look forward to the Christmas season with real joy and happiness. The season's activities begin with the practice of Christmas hymns, recitations and dialogues for the Sunday School concert to be held on the night the Public School closes. All the children take part in the programme and enter into the spirit of the time with great enthusiasm.

We had a Christmas tree in the Girls' Residence, the gifts being distributed on the afternoon of December 19th. That evening there was a Christmas party at the Boys' Residence, the girls joining in the festivities. The girls and boys sang Christmas songs, played games, and had refreshments. Santa paid the Residence a visit, giving each boy a toy and other gifts, and everyone a bag of candy and nuts.

The next evening in the beautiful church down town the Sunday School had their tree and Christmas concert. The large audience were very appreciative of the good programme provided and Santa Claus remembered all the boys and girls from the Residences, to their great satisfaction.

On Christmas Day the children who remained for the holidays received more gifts and candy. The girls had their Christmas dinner at the Boys' Residence and in the afternoon they all played games and skated.

—*A. McKee and I. Gibson.*

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New Liskeard Residence

A CHRISTMAS entertainment and supper was given to the children of the Residence before they left for their several homes. This year, instead of having the usual Christmas tree, we prepared a Christmas table, using for the centre a cotton batting snow-ball, around which were concealed the gifts, with ribbons attached, traced out to the different plates. Great was the delight when the various ribbons were drawn and the gifts opened. Thanks to those who so kindly sent them. The children took charge of the programme for the evening, each one taking part. When they returned from holidays we had our turkey dinner, thus prolonging our Christmas. —*Margaret Robertson.*

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Huntingdon Residence

IT is doubtful whether Santa received a more enthusiastic welcome anywhere than at the Residence in Huntingdon. Although the Christmas tree and entertainment have been an annual feature here for several years, the boys' and girls were uneasy until a definite date had been set and decorations begun. Then their delight knew no bounds.

The date was set for Friday evening, the day of the school closing. The decoration committee transformed the rooms into a sort of winter wonderland. Red and green streamers, balloons, and clusters of cedar boughs lent a gay note. The tree itself sparkled under a heavy load of tinsel and artificial snow, and boxes gay with ribbons covered its base.

The fire-place, which sent out a warm and welcome glow, caused much concern among the younger students. Little Kathleen, aged seven, was especially worried, wondering how Santa Claus could get down the chimney without getting badly burned. Her fears were not put at rest until she heard the jingle of his bells in the front porch and saw him walk in the front door, quite unharmed. Kathleen's eyes opened wide with amazement as Santa distributed the many gifts, at least one for every person present. Before very long she discovered that Santa was not Santa Claus, but one of the older boys of the Residence, whose voice she recognized. She consoled herself with the thought that, at least, he had sent some one she knew as a substitute.

The rest of the evening was spent in fun, with impromptu songs and piano selections by the students; in the intermission, coffee, sandwiches, cake and ice cream were served. The only sad note was when the students bade one another good-bye until the school re-opened in January. —*Mrs. A. C. Gouldthorpe.*

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Saskatoon Residence

SINCE most of our family were to be away for Christmas—the students would all be gone—we had our Christmas party on December 16th. An enjoyable time was spent in contests, games, and singing. The excitement reached its peak when Santa Claus arrived to distribute the gifts on the Christmas tree in the corner. As, after names had been put in a hat and drawn, every girl had gone shopping for a five-cent present, there were parcels of every shape and size.

On Christmas morning the few of us who remained had breakfast in the Common Room while listening to the King's broadcast. We were all invited out for our Christmas dinner. —*Elizabeth M. Geddes.*

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A Chinese Christmas in Victoria

I SPENT Christmas with my husband in Victoria. We had a few friends to dinner at five o'clock and invited some Christians and some of those who do not know about Jesus yet to a Christmas entertainment at which there were twenty-three adults and sixteen children. We sang ''Hark the Herald Angels Sing''; Mrs. Sam Lung led in prayer; Joan Louie read Luke 2: 8-20 in English, and I read it in Chinese. Then I told them the story of Jesus' birth. Everybody was interested. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Philip Chan played a violin and piano duet. The rest of the programme consisted of solos by the children, piano solos by Bernice Louie and Gloria Lee, a play, ''The Night Before Christmas'', and a drill, by five children. We all sang ''Joy to the World'', and closed with the Lord's prayer. Afterwards we served turkey sandwiches, cakes, a fruit drink, and ice cream. Everybody enjoyed it very much. —*Mrs. G. P. Louie.*

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Montreal Chinese Kindergarten

THE Christmas festival of the Montreal Chinese kindergarten was held on the afternoon of December 20th in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.I. There was the usual large audience of mothers, brothers, and sisters, as well as the Canadian friends, whose interest never fails.

Mr. A. M. Nairn, the chairman, welcomed the guests. Greetings were brought by Miss C. E. Cameron, the Provincial President of the W.M.S., Mrs. Baker, the Presbyterial President, and Dr. A. S. Reid, the Synodical Missionary, who also spoke for the Presbytery. The

Principal of the Chinese language school, Mr. Wong, spoke very appreciatively of the foundation work being done in the kindergarten, and reminded the mothers of the debt they owed to those who were so faithfully training their little ones. Mr. Peter Jue brought the greetings from the Chinese Institute. The children's part of the programme consisted of devotional exercises, songs and recitations. The prettiest of these was ''The Christmas Stars'', given by three girls and three boys. For this most appropriate item we were indebted to the Christmas number of the *Presbyterian Message,* the official organ of the W.M.S. (E.D.). The children were assisted by Master Douglas Lee whose sweet songs are always a feature of our entertainments, and by Mission Band members who sang ''Christmas Bells'' very effectively.

Into a contribution box, held by one of the wee girls, the children dropped their offerings as they marched past singing ''Give, Said the Little Stream''. They then formed a circle for their dedicatory prayer.

The drill, ''The Moonbeams and Snowflakes'', was much enjoyed, despite the fact that, as the snowflakes began to skip, the cotton wool overcoats began to disintegrate—to the amusement of the visitors, the delight of the boys, and the consternation of the staff.

A most realistic Santa Claus distributed the beautiful gifts provided for teachers and children through the generosity of the Presbyterial Supply Department, and the many gifts of the children to their teachers. Each of the thirty-four kindergarteners was given a warm sweater and a toy or doll; each of the mothers received a dainty apron. Distribution of candy to all the children present brought to a close the afternoon which is dearest of all to the hearts of the little ones. The one regret, voiced so beautifully by Miss Cameron, was the absence of our beloved Chinese teacher, Miss Jue, who is enjoying a well-earned furlough in China. —*Agnes I. Dickson.*

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Chinese Presbyterian Mission, Victoria

THE Christmas season was a time of great activity in the Chinese Mission. Preparations in the kindergarten and Sunday School began early in November and increased in intensity until the kindergarten closing on December 18th and the Sunday School concert on December 20th.

The closing was a happy event, although the programme was unpretentious. The children had helped to decorate the room with paper chains, evergreens, holly, red paper flowers, and Christmas pictures. About twenty-five parents and friends came, so that when older brothers and sisters arrived in batches after school the room could hold no more.

After hymns and songs in Chinese and English Mrs. Cotsford brought greetings from the Presbyterial, and spoke very pleasingly to the children. Rev. Leung Moi Fong greeted the guests in Chinese and told the Christmas story. Recitations and action songs followed. ''Snowflakes'' was given by ten little girls wearing white paper bonnets, who at the end formed a big snowball with their heads close together. The whole school took part in the ''Christmas Tree March''. When Santa Claus appeared he was greeted with great enthusiasm, but with deep respect, too. He found a little gift on the tree for each one, besides apples and candy. Then happy good-byes brought another term to a close.

For the Sunday School concert the hall, beautifully decorated by the Young People's Society, was filled to overflowing, many people having to stand at the back. There must have been about three hundred there. The programme opened with the singing of two carols by the whole Sunday School grouped on the stage. Then followed songs in Chinese by pupils of the Chinese School, and two Christmas carols by the kindergarten children. The Junior and Intermediate girls put on two very pretty drills. Dressed in paper costumes, which they had helped Miss Lee to make, they went through the movements perfectly, delighting the audience by the charming effects produced. The choir sang ''Who is He in Yonder Stall?'' and ''There's a Song in the Air'', the latter in Chinese. In a short playlet in Chinese the Junior boys acted the story of the unprofitable servant. Five young boys gave an effective recitation, forming a beautiful silver star spelling out the word ''Jesus''. In ''The Fairy's Wish'' about fifteen boys and girls represented candy sticks, toys, dolls, an elf, and a fairy. ''Dame Crump's Christmas'', produced by eleven girls of the ''Shining Lights'' Guild, in peasant costumes made by themselves, was also much enjoyed. After the programme refreshments were served, and bags of candy and peanuts given to the children. Many had brought cards and presents to give to friends. Altogether it was a very happy evening, well worth the work involved. —*Gertrude Scott.*

Is It a Dream?

Is it a dream — and nothing more — this faith
That nerves our brains to thought — our hands to work
For that great day when wars shall cease, and men
Shall live as brothers in a unity
Of love — live in a world made splendid?

Is it a dream — this faith of ours — that pleads
And pulses in our hearts — and bids us look,
Through mists of tears and time, to that great day
When wars shall cease upon the earth, and men
As brothers bound by Love of Man and God,
Shall build a world as gloriously fair
As sunset skies, or mountains when they catch
The farewell kiss of evening on their heights?

—G. A. Studdert-Kennedy,
From *One Hundred Poems of Peace.*

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, we come into Thy presence with hearts filled with gratitude for Thy continual loving care over us. We thank Thee for the many temporal blessings which Thou hast bestowed on us, but, above all, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy beloved Son who in His matchless love and redeeming grace bore our sins in His own body and suffered and died in our stead. Help us so to live that we may reflect that love in our daily lives.

We pray that Thou wilt grant Thy richest blessing upon our Church in all its activities. May its ministers be truly men of God, filled with Thy Holy Spirit and with a burning desire to win souls for Thy Kingdom.

Be with Thy servants our missionaries who are doing Thy bidding in the foreign field. Comfort them in times of loneliness and homesickness, be as a wall of fire about them in times of danger and distress, give to them a very real sense of Thy presence, and grant that their spirits may be so in touch with Thine and their hearts so tender and sensitive that the horrors of heathenism which they daily behold may never become ordinary to them.

Comfort all those who mourn the loss of loved ones; may the sympathizing Jesus, the great Comforter who wept with bereaved friends in the home at Bethany, be very near to comfort and sustain all such.

And for ourselves, members of the different Auxiliaries, whom Thou hast honoured by making us co-workers with Thee, we pray that we may realize the great glory and responsibility of our calling, having ever before us the example of Him who pleased not Himself, in honour preferring one another, ever watching for the opportunities of serving Thee which Thou dost daily place in our way. Keep, O Lord, the door of our lips that no word of ours may hinder Thy work. This we ask for the sake and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let Us Also Pray:

For those who are working in the newer districts of Canada;

For all who have had a new vision of the meaning of Christian fellowship;

For the young who are considering missionary service;

For all who are working for peace in the world.

Patiently Bear Thy Cross

This rough, rude cross I cannot bear,
Beneath its weight I most despair.
Has Jesus ceased for me to care?

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Such were my thoughts as I sank to rest,
After a weary toilsome day.
My heart with care was sore oppressed,
There seemed such mountains in the way.
As I slept my Saviour came to me,
Saying, ''Daughter, why so troubled be?''
I said, ''Oh, take my cross away,
The burden lift for just one day.
Some people seem no cross to bear,
Why can't they have a little share?
Some in costly cars can ride,
And sail so prosperous o'er life's tide,
I'm sure their cross is very small;
That is, if there's a cross at all.
Some can wear such rich attire,
And have whatever they desire.
They smile all day and happy seem,
While I can't catch the faintest gleam
Of earthly pleasure as I pass.
This great rough cross, alas, alas,
Saddens my life and chills my soul.
I ne'er can reach the heavenly goal.''

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My Saviour then said, ''Follow me,
My child, do not discouraged be.''
He led me to a valley deep,
On each side mountains high and steep.
And there I saw upon the ground
Crosses lying all around.
Some were large and rough like mine,
Some small and decked with jewels fine.
Others of purest gold were made.
''Now choose a cross,'' my Saviour said,
I looked and lo, just at my feet
A tiny one with gems so sweet!
I'll try this one, it can no burden be.
Christ answered, ''Loved one, try and see.''

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I stooped to lift it, but I found
I could not raise it from the ground.
While crosses I had tried to lift
My own from off my shoulders slipped.
I tried each one, but 'neath them all
I staggered and indeed would fall.

At length I raised one rough and plain,
And recognized my own old cross again.
Then did I hear my Saviour say,
''Loved one, I trod life's weary way.
From that cross seek no more to flee;
I chose that which is best for thee.
Keep near me when it's hard to bear,
I have you in my constant care.''

—Margaret Paterson, *Edmonton, Alta.*

Easter Programme Suggestions

WHEN arranging the programme for the Easter meeting Auxiliaries might like to use the poem ''Patiently Bear Thy Cross''.

The following hymns and groups of Scripture passages are suggested as bearing on the same thought.

Hymn 521—''Simply Trusting Every Day.''
Prayer.
Mark 14: 26-42; Mark 15: 21.
Silent Prayer.
Matthew 16: 24; Matthew 10: 37-39; John 12: 24-26; Luke 14: 27-33.
''Patiently Bear Thy Cross''—to be read.
Short address.
Hymn 558—''Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken'' or
Hymn 559—'' 'Take Up Thy Cross,' the Saviour Said.''

Foreign Missions Conference of North America

By Mrs. W. A. McLennan

ASBURY PARK, in winter, was an ideal place of meeting for the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, January 8th to 10th. Sixty-nine Mission Boards were represented by three hundred delegates, three of whom were from the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Dr. John R. Mott, the chairman, noted great cause for encouragement in the unexampled interest in evangelism all over the world,—in India, in China, in Manchuria and Japan; and again in the manner in which the ''younger Churches'' have risen to burdens laid upon them because of financial curtailment.

Speakers were, for the most part, experts in missionary thinking and experience, but the Hon. Francis B. Sayre, Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, D.C., spoke from the viewpoint of a business man and a public servant. Picturing the plight of the world to-day, he said: ''The only solution lies in the teaching of Jesus Christ. Unless men learn to love Him they will not follow Him. That is the mission of Christianity to the present world. As one catches a vision of all that hangs upon the outcome, the call of Christ becomes the most exciting challenge in the world to-day.''

Dr. Kagawa, that Japanese Apostle of Christianity, pleaded for more strategic planning of missionary work in all lands to meet new conditions, and outlined his plan for reaching millions of non-city-dwelling Japanese. Others who followed also placed a new emphasis on the need for rural evangelism. ''The strategy of world Christianity demands that the rural population be made Christian, if Christianity is to progressively increase and encompass mankind.'' ''We can be assured that we are on God's side when we build our Christian missionary programme in the village, in the whole of life and for all life.'' ''In spite of the depression, I doubt if there have ever been any ten years of missionary activities that have been as creative in discovering new ways to do new tasks in the villages.''

Five students who had been delegates at the Student Convention in Indianapolis frankly expressed the point of view on missions held by the younger generation. One gathered from their discussion that youth is interested in an active application of the Gospel of Christ; that young people are speaking a different language from that of the older generations, but that their ideals and objectives are not very different; and that much of the seeming lack of interest in missions reported among young people is traceable to the lack of interest by pastors—and that that lack is due to their training in Theological Colleges.

The theme of the Convention was: The World To-day and the Missionary Imperative, and in our judgment it was Dr. Rufus Jones of Haverford College who best expressed the latter when he said: ''Nobody has ever paid a higher compliment to our human nature than Christ did in His *expectation* that we should find our lives in God and should make a joyous, radiant response to the spiritual environment in which we are set. *The greatest adventure in the world is not climbing Mount Everest or discovering the stratosphere, but the building of the Kingdom of God, with God, here on earth.''*

Quadrennial Student Volunteer Movement Convention, Indianapolis

December 28–January 1

TO the Convention at Indianapolis came students from all parts of the United States and Canada. There came also great Christian leaders of several races and nationalities. There were over two hundred Canadian students, twenty-six of whom were Presbyterian. Our Canadian Presbyterian delegation met on Sunday for discussion and supper. During the discussion we ‘‘skirted’’ around the following questions: *Why are we Presbyterians? Has our Church a distinctive service to render in Canada? Does our Church appeal to our young people?* Do these questions sound superfluous or impertinent to the ears of the mature? We did not think so. Rather they forced us to ask ourselves: ‘‘Have we, who were anxious for the preservation of Presbyterianism in Canada at the time when these young folks were youngsters, lacked the energy and intelligence during the last ten years to teach them the ‘Why’ of our Church in terms which their young forward-looking, impatient minds could, and would, accept?’’

To the student conscious of himself or herself as a social being in a badly muddled world, whose very muddle offers unparalleled privileges and imposes new responsibilities, the Indianapolis Convention should prove instructive and challenging. We came away grateful that our Women’s Missionary Society had been responsible for sending a few young women to Indianapolis because we believe that our girls were well chosen and that they have had an experience which will enlarge their whole outlook on life and deepen their sense of responsibility to God and to their fellows.

—*Laura K. Pelton.*

AT the Convention Dr. T. Z. Koo, Dr. Kagawa, the Archbishop of York, and Mrs. Pak, who possessed depth of character, keen intellect, and experience in various types of service in many parts of the world, brought to me a picture of the world’s need, and a sense of responsibility and inspiration to help in the service of humanity. In fact, the aim of the Convention seemed to be to show the world’s need of Christianity as a basis for civilization and its only hope.

The evils that exist under various social orders, such as Communism, Socialism, Nationalism, and Fascism, are not necessarily a product of the systems themselves, but of the acquisitiveness of human nature. Because our desires determine the social system and since our ideals largely govern our actions, we must change the ideals and the heart of the individual if we are to change the social system.

The freedom and friendliness with which the people of all races expressed themselves in our group impressed me. There seemed to be no racial barriers or prejudices, but perfect harmony. If Christianity means such a relationship in a group of three or four thousand, why could it not solve the racial and peace problems of the world?

MARIAN SLATER, *University College, University of Toronto.*

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To-day the nations of the world are facing a great crisis. Men know not where to turn. Systems that have been built up through long years of struggle are ready to crash before their eyes, and they tremble to think of the future. Fear and suspicion and race hatred hold sway in a world whose guiding principle should be Love. All this I was made to realize through my attendance at the Student Volunteer Movement Convention. I saw something of the terrible chaos of the world and I saw, too, the only way out. For there can be no peace or security until men realize that God is greater than they.

The two words I heard most often at the Convention were Love and Fellowship. In these two words lies the solution of the world's problem. I want to tell the whole world that there *is* a way out, and that Love is that way. I feel that no matter what I was before, I cannot go back now and live for myself. I want to make others see what I have seen, and feel what I feel. —PHYLLIS SHAW, *University of British Columbia.*

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A Convention such as that held at Indianapolis could not possibly pass without leaving some definite impressions on the minds of the delegates. Our views on missions were, I believe, affected most. If we did not all resolve to be missionaries after hearing Dr. Koo, Dr. Kagawa, Dr. Mott, we at least thought more sympathetically, more understandingly, about missions. The Archbishop of York, Dr. Mackay, and Dr. Roberts emphasized the religious foundations for the missionary and the mission; and Dr. Niebuhr brought forth some startling statements on world conditions. But as yet the Convention is too near, the mass of new ideas too great, for us to be able to express ourselves clearly and definitely on the value of the Convention. The true value of Indianapolis, we do know, will not be realized this month or this year. Those impressions which we brought back with us will gradually be developed until they affect every aspect of our lives and will be felt in our reading, in our classes, and in our discussion groups. —BARBARA SMITH, *University of Manitoba.*

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I joined the Convention choir and enjoyed it immensely. The leader, Dr. Russell Ames Cook of Boston, was simply wonderful; I liked so much his keen personality and, above all, his interest in the general theme of the Convention. We had the finest sacred music. It was very difficult, but in four days we learned twelve pieces by Bach or Handel, and on the last day gave a concert which everyone said was one of the finest things at the Convention.

Of the speakers, I enjoyed Dr. T. Z. Koo, of China, very much. In a private talk with some of us from the West he spoke about present-day China. He said that the Japanese would never really conquer the Chinese, but would in time be absorbed by them. It was certainly an inspiration to me, to hear, to see, and to talk with these people from all parts of the earth, who had come to tell us of the God whom they had found with our help, small as that help may seem.

—JEAN R. BROWN, *University of Saskatchewan.*

While I was deeply impressed with all the proceedings of the recent S. C. M. Convention, perhaps the most interesting section to me was the seminar or study group in which I was placed. Here about seventy-five students and missionaries met to discuss ''Foreign Missions—their present and future''. These discussions were of great interest to the majority who attended, as many intend to devote their lives to mission work at home or on foreign fields. We left these meetings with increased knowledge of missionary problems and their possible solution.

One of the interesting questions discussed was whether a missionary should identify himself entirely with the native population at the risk of ostracism by the white section of the community. It was answered by a South American student: ''Christian missionaries must side with the right, irrespective of the effect on their own lives, if they hope to carry God's word successfully to other lands.'' I believe everyone left the seminar with a renewed purpose to try to live up to this standard. —CHRISTINA BROWNING, *Edmonton.*

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The Quadrennial did three things. It painted a picture of the world to-day. We were shown a Mexico torn by superstition, free-thinking, and communism; a Japan with a co-operative system; a China with a Five-year Plan. We were given a bird's eye view of the world by men like Dr. Koo, Dr. Kagawa, Mr. Camarago, and were warned that to-day our backyards were in Europe.

The Convention gave us the vision of a Christian world state—a world where race, creed, language, culture, all met on the common ground of Christianity. It made this vision practical by giving facts and figures to prove that the Christian principle not only could work, but had worked and was working, economically, socially, and politically.

The Convention offered a great personal challenge. As Archbishop Temple pointed out, it was not a matter of choosing whether we would be missionaries or preachers. As soon as we said we were Christian we were taken as examples of Christianity; we had no choice in the matter. The plea was not for missionaries particularly, but a call for people to live Christianity—to take its principles into all fields, economic, political, and social, and prove that they would work. The challenge was one which no one at the Convention could ignore. It is still following us with its persistent ''After Indianapolis — what?''

—MARION DICKSON, *Western University.*

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Indianapolis! What memories that word alone brings up! A great hall, nearly filled with three thousand people representing different universities and colleges, different countries, different religious denominations, and different races, yet all united in one place with a common purpose. Such a gathering is only possible because of the bond that unites all these people—their common belief in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We had the privilege of hearing some of the religious leaders of various countries, many of them stressing the great need of the Gospel of Christ in far-away lands. While it will take some time to assimilate all that took place during those five days, certain statements stand out very clearly. I take this opportunity of passing them on.

''Love will conquer because God is Love.''

''No one can be a real Christian without being a missionary, regardless of the sphere of life in which he may be called to serve.''

''The main root of all world troubles is the materialization of men's minds and hearts and lives.''

One question I leave with you, What would Christ do if He were in our place? —Rita De Pierro, *McGill University.*

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I should like to pass on two impressions received from the Convention. We no longer regard missions as ''home'' and ''foreign'', but ''home'' and ''abroad''. To carry out this view of missions the world must necessarily be one unit, one large community in which Christianity will remove discord among nations and prejudices among races and classes. A Christian world community cannot be brought about by force or persuasion, but only by mutual love.

Never before did I realize that some of us who have been brought up in Christian homes and communities have not the faintest idea of what Christianity really is as compared with those people who have been brought up as Mohammedans or Buddhists and have been converted to Christianity. These men who came from a different civilization and for whom Christianity is a new thing have shown us its real power. —Bessie Ferguson, *Queen's University.*

Note.—For further information on the Indianapolis Convention readers are referred to the February and March *Presbyterian Records.*

The Indianapolis Convention

By Rev. F. S. Morley, Ph.D., *St. Catharines*

THE Conference was impressive in its spirit, in its personnel, and in its attitude.

Its spirit was definitely awake and earnest. One felt on every occasion, alike in the Seminars and in the public and more popular gatherings, and perhaps most of all in the casual groups encountered in hotel or on the street, it was evident, even if it was not always expressed, that those composing the Conference were there on serious business intent.

The Conference in its personnel was arresting. I need only mention his Grace, the Archbishop of York, Dr. Robert Speer, Dr. John R. Mott, Dr. T. Z. Koo, and—towering above even those, all unconscious of their shining faces brought from mountain-experiences with God — Kagawa and Mrs. Induk Pak. Not the least element in the Conference was the Spirit of Youth current in discussion, in criticism, in conversation.

Perhaps most impressive of all was what can only be described as the attitude of the Conference. There was no eagerness for results, no clamour for a programme, certainly no emphasis on doctrine. Instead of these, prominent in former Conferences, was an attitude of expectancy, a hunger for guidance, a readiness for adventure with Jesus Christ as He goes forth ''a kingly crown to gain''.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

THE GARDEN OF THE HEART is something different for a spring programme. It requires ''flowers'', ''weeds'', heralds, and the Queen of the flowers as well as the three Graces. Delightful for Mission Bands or Junior groups. Price 20 cents.

THE STANDARD EASTER BOOK is out in a new edition, which contains a play, hymns, and miscellaneous material for Easter programmes. Valuable for leaders of younger groups. Price 35 cents.

IN THE HOUSE OF THE OTHER MARY is a good Easter-time play suitable for 'teen-age girls, young women, or Auxiliaries. (Only seven characters are required). Price 15 cents.

LEARNING BY ACTING { Two good little booklets for Mission Band
LEARNING BY DOING { Leaders by Mary Debenham. 20c. each.

MEN AND WOMEN OF FAR HORIZONS is an excellent book from which to get material for addresses, or to use as a supplementary Study Book. It contains sketches by and about missionaries in many lands. In paper, 75 cents.

TO-DAY'S YOUTH AND TO-MORROW'S WORLD, by Stanley High, discusses many of the problems confronting young people to-day. Price 85 cents.

KINGDOM COME is Hugh Redwood's new book on the Lord's Prayer. Those who read GOD IN THE SLUMS will certainly desire this book. In paper, 35 cents.

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST. Again we call attention to this book which should be read by all young women who even remotely contemplate service in a foreign field. In paper, 35 cents.

COMMON TASKS IN CHINA } Two little booklets of interest to
COMMON TASKS IN JAPAN } members of Auxiliaries. 15c. each.

NEW MAPS OF ALL OUR FIELDS are available at 25 cents each. They are 28″ by 42″, on paper, and can be mounted on cotton or linen for use in the Church rooms.

New Leaflets

LIBRARY SECRETARY LEAFLET—a new free leaflet has been prepared for this department, and Secretaries may obtain one by applying to the Presbyterial Literature Secretary.

Membership Cards for Auxiliary members are free, and may be had by writing to the W.M.S. Publications Department, 372 Bay St., Toronto.

YOUNG WOMEN

THE BIBLE

OUR Text Book for Missions, our Guide Book, a World Book for the World. It contains stories of nations and empires, covering centuries of time. It tells us of the coming of the Messiah. It is the word of God, and shall prevail.—Selected.

A Hindu fakir with matted hair and ash-besmeared body was sitting under a tree in deep meditation. His eyes fell on the leaves of a torn book which some one had tossed away. It was part of a New Testament. He smoothed out the crumpled pages and read words that brought strange thoughts to his hungry soul. They seemed to take him by the hand and lead him straight to the Father.

Then he went out to seek for some one who obeyed the Book. He found an Englishman who confessed that he obeyed it. The fakir, delighted, noticed that the Englishman wore a black band on his arm, and concluded that this was a distinctive sign of a Christian. So he put one on, too, and when people asked who he was, he pointed to the band and told them.

Some time later he met a Christian preacher and pointed to the band as proof that he, too, was a Christian. ''That is an English sign of the death of some loved one,'' the preacher explained.

The fakir mused for a moment. Then he said: ''But I read in the book that my Loved One has died, so I shall wear it in memory of Him.''

Before long he grasped the Gospel of the Resurrection, and when he realized that his Loved One was alive for evermore, a great joy filled his heart. He took off the black band, and the light of the Resurrection shone in his face—and that became the sign.—In *The Vulgar Tongue.*

THE DEVOTIONAL PERIOD

1. For the devotional service, have you ever tried using nothing but hymns, except for the Scripture reading? Choose some theme such as

faith or prayer, then select appropriate hymns, one to be sung, and one to be read in unison as a prayer.

2. Several members to be asked to give a few thoughts and a prayer, on suggested verses of Scripture.

3. Bible verses on prayer to be given out at the meeting. Instead of long passages read by a few, try short ones by more people. Some one was asked if the meeting had been a good one that month, and the reply was, "Yes, I spoke twice."

4. Have each member give a favourite verse of Scripture, this to be followed by silent prayer for a definite field or missionary named by the member.

Note.—Careful planning by a programme committee at least two weeks before the meeting is necessary to ensure the success of any part of the programme. —*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

CAMP

At evening when the crimson crest
Of sunset passes down the west,
I hear the whispering host returning
On far-off fields, by elm and oak;
I see the lights; I smell the smoke;
The camp-fires of the past are burning.

(*Indian Summer*, by Van Dyke).

PERHAPS the heading of this article arouses no enthusiasm in us while March winds are blowing and we are still shivering in our winter coats. For those who have been to camp, happy memories will be awakened, but it is in those for whom camp is still an untried adventure that I hope to kindle interest.

There are many different kinds of camps and to you who may be going for the first time I would suggest that you attend a well organized camp under good leadership; for example, a local county camp or one of our own Church camps. It would be a worth-while project for any group to send one of their members to a Provincial camp sponsored by the Girls' Work Board of their Province.

Starting out on this adventure, what may one expect?

First: I would say fellowship—playing, working, worshipping, in happy comradeship.

Second: An introduction to new interests—it may be books, nature-lore, camp-craft, handicraft, dramatics, music, current events, or stars.

Third: A discovery of a new meaning in life. It is impossible to live in camp atmosphere for ten days without discovering new possibilities within yourself. Somehow, after a camp experience, the dream— ''The girl that God would have me be''—seems more possible of fulfilment. Worship in the out-of-doors during the morning watch or Bible study seems more real and vital.

Enter the temple beautiful,
The house not made with hands,
Rain-washed and green,
Wind-swept and clean,
Beneath the blue it stands.
And no cathedral anywhere
Seemeth so holy and so fair.

I hope that many of you will know the joys of camp this summer.

—*Jean Kelman.*

MISSION BANDS

A LETTER FROM OUR MISSION BAND NURSE, AMKHUT, INDIA

To the Mission Banders:

Dear Little Friends:

JUST to think a whole year has gone by since I wrote to you last! You will be thinking we have quite forgotten our promise to let you visit the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home here in Amkhut, India. Oh no! How can we forget when we have so many things to remind us of our little friends away off in Canada?

We shall have to pretend you are really in India. We won't say how you got here, for that would take too much time, wouldn't it? We shall go to the Babies' Home quite early, for they start the day before the sun gets up over that big hill. As we enter we see a beautiful large coloured picture over the fire-place in the little front room. How we do love this picture of Jesus with little children around Him! See, it is a little Indian girl on His lap! We know Jesus loves us, but all little girls and boys in India do not know about Jesus and His love for them.

Let us go through this big room and out to the back veranda. Why, there they all are,—in a semi-circle on the floor, eating their breakfast! They all look up to us with a smile. Those who can will say ''Salaam'', which means ''Good morning''. Those who are too young will just put their right hands to their foreheads. Those smiles would be sufficient greeting, wouldn't they? See, they are sitting on little mats of palm leaves.

We will learn their names at once, for when they finish drinking their milk and have had their faces and hands washed, they will be anxious to show you around their home. First of all, you must meet Ruth, the young girl who helps to look after the children. They all love her and call her ''Jee Jee'', which means ''Big Sister''. Rashan and Kumla are sitting at the end, for they are the youngest and ''Jee Jee'' has to help them with their breakfast. Rashan is our baby; Kumla who was once our baby has become quite a big girl and is now learning to walk. Next in line is Merium. She is the latest arrival and has just celebrated her second birthday. Next are Lillawanti and Esther. Now the boys, Mangal Singh and Musa,—I'm sure you've heard these names before; then Kissan, Stephon and Paul. We have five girls and five boys. Isn't that a nice family?

Little Kissan is trying to tell you this is their dining-room. It is just like a room since we had it screened in. We play here when it rains; as you see, we have a swing fastened to the ceiling. Now let us go into the garden and see our playground. See our sand box? We build all kinds of things in the sand and play with spoons, cups and little tins. You noticed we didn't use spoons when we ate our porridge, for people in India eat with their fingers, but we do like spoons to play with. Over there we have a little patch of long grass where we sometimes play ''animals'',—we hide and then jump out.

That is Chetu, our gardener, standing over there. We have beets, peas, and lettuce, but most of the garden is given up to carrots and tomatoes. Our nurse says they are good for little boys and girls, and will make them grow big and healthy. Do you eat carrots and tomatoes in your country? How we like eating raw carrots! Once Musa pulled some up himself and ate them without washing them.

''Jee Jee'' is calling us to go in for our morning ''sing song''. We are learning ''Jesus Loves Me, This I Know'', and ''Jai, Jai, Masih ki Jai'', which means ''Victory to Jesus''. Some sing the whole chorus with nothing but ''Jai'' (Victory), because they can't yet say the other words. We sit in a row on the floor, but first we must put our toys over there so that we won't be tempted to play when we should be singing. Before singing we must put our hands together and close our eyes for a little prayer. Our eyes sometimes open, for we forget, but we do try to keep them closed, for we are speaking to Jesus. Although Rashan is only about one year old, she likes to sit with us and watch our mouths when we sing. Look at Kumla! She is trying to get to her feet without anyone helping her. See, she is up, and has a big smile on her face and looks all around as much as to say, ''Just look at me!''

Before you leave you must see our cots and the veranda where we sleep all year. In winter it gets colder, but we never have snow. We put on extra blankets and quilts and ''Jee Jee'' tucks us in. We take our rest here in the afternoon, for it is shady and cool. Aren't our quilts pretty with their colours, red, yellow, blue and pink, and some with names in pretty coloured threads ?

How quickly the time has gone! Now you must hurry back to your homes. Please come again. A safe and happy journey back to Canada! —*Iris Errey.*

N.B.—The Mission Band Rally Day Programme for 1936 is in the Study Book.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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CALGARY P.S.—The annual meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, on December 20th, was exceptionally well attended and a spirit of co-operation and goodwill prevailed. Reports from the groups and various departments revealed a keen interest taken in the work and steady progress made. Mrs. R. S. Gibson presented nine Life Membership certificates and two pins to faithful members. Mrs. J. A. Bell, in presenting certificates to two Mission Band workers, Mary Weir and Mary Campbell, complimented the Band on its excellent report and urged the ladies to co-operate with it in all its activities, stressing the great privilege of instilling into these young minds the missionary spirit. Three little tots from the Mission Band contributed to the programme and seven older Band members gave a chorus. Rev. A. Bright, their new pastor, congratulated the Society on the excellent reports and made a timely suggestion for future progress.

The North Hill Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting in November. A good programme was presented by the Mission Band and the Girls' Club, with music by members of the congregation. The new lantern slides on Manchuria were shown, Mrs. Borlose reading the lecturette.

Edmonton P.S.—The special ''Glad Tidings Day'' of First Church Auxiliary was very impressive. Mrs. Norman Smith traced the history of our missionary periodicals down through the years to the present and emphasized the fact that, through the persistent efforts of our late editor, Miss Fraser, we have the *Glad Tidings* of to-day of which we are all so justly proud. Mrs. T. Buckham, Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretary, urged the women to help increase the circulation of our paper as a tribute of love to the memory of Miss Fraser. A missionary from Central Africa gave an address which took us in spirit from our comfortable surroundings to one of the most backward parts of the world. We were thrilled to hear how people there responded to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

An interesting gathering was the tea given by the Auxiliary of First Church in honour of the Presbyterian girls attending college, normal school and university, and training in the city hospitals.

Red Deer P.S.—The twenty-first annual meeting of Red Deer Presbyterial was held at Carstairs on January 10th, with Mrs. H. Jack in the chair. Delegates were present from Innisfail, Olds, Willowdale, Penhold, Red Deer and Carstairs. Very fine reports were given by the Secretaries; although the finances were down a little, the interest in our work has not wavered. The message of Mrs. T. A. Rodger, Calgary Presbyterial President, ''What is the heart of the missionary problem?'' aroused interest and offered much encouragement. Miss Matthews, our deaconess at Willowdale, gave a clear, comprehensive report of the relief work in her field. The Carstairs ladies very kindly entertained the delegates at luncheon after the session.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA P.S.—The Chinese Women's Auxiliary held their annual meeting and election of officers on December 21st in the Mission Hall. Miss Lee presided and welcomed members and visitors from other Auxiliaries. After the devotional service, the Secretary, Mrs. Wong Sing, read the annual report, which contained much to encourage. Four new members were added during the year, the meetings were well attended, and a number of interesting addresses were given by members of the Auxiliary and ladies from other Auxiliaries. Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese work in Canada, addressing the meeting in Chinese, spoke very earnestly to the members. Rev. Leung Moi Fong gave a short address which was well received. Miss Lee then called upon Miss Scott to accept a Life Membership Certificate and pin. Mrs. Wong Sing made a graceful little speech in making the presentation which was a complete surprise to Miss Scott. She greatly appreciated the honour paid her. Mrs. Cotsford took the chair during the election of officers, after which the installation service was conducted by the Rev. D. A. Smith. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour spent. This Auxiliary met its allocation, besides getting the Life Membership Certificate and contributing generously to hospital supplies.

MANITOBA

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The Late Miss Innes

OUR hearts are full of sympathy for our missionary, Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, in the loss she has sustained in the death of her sister, Annie Innes, who passed away on December 27th, 1935. The funeral service was conducted in the little Mission Church, on the 31st, by the Rev. J. Gunn of Lockport, assisted by Rev. David Johnstone, Calvin Church, Winnipeg, and the Rev. J. H. Stewart of St. James, Winnipeg. A beautiful tribute was paid to the late Miss Innes for her love and devotion to her sister and the help she gave by teaching in the Sunday School and in training the children in music. One of her pupils presided at the organ. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Winnipeg, sang ''O For a Closer Walk With God'', and Mrs. Fowler, Selkirk, ''Evening Prayer''.

Superior P.S.—At the December meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Fort William, the *Glad Tidings* programme was carried out.

Presentation of two Life Memberships in the Women's Missionary Society was a highlight of the December meeting of the Young Women's Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur; one was presented to Miss M. McCuaig, a member of the Y.W.A. since its inception in 1926, by Miss Smellie, President of the Women's Missionary Society of First Presbyterian Church, and the other presented to Mrs. W. J. Stirrett by Mrs. Lloyd Dunbar, Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterial. The largest attendance of the year marked the meeting, which opened with a study period dealing with some of the problems of India, conducted by Miss Elizabeth Dobie. Miss Dobie stressed the influence of the British East India Company and the development of Great Britain's sense of responsibility in the government of India. Miss M. Buchan reported for the Cent-a-Week Fund. A letter from Miss Hazel Macdonald acknowledged the receipt of a bale sent to East Selkirk, Manitoba.

At the annual meeting of the Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur, the work of the past year was reviewed, annual reports read, and officers for the ensuing term elected. Miss Smellie presided and conducted the opening devotional exercises, reading an article on the work accomplished by the League of Nations since its formation, and leading in a prayer for peace among the nations. The hospital committee reported seventy-four visits and the Welcome and Welfare Secretary, three hundred and thirty-four. The Literature Secretary had sold seventy books valued at $35, and three hundred and five pounds of literature had been distributed to camps and outlying settlements. Forty subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* were reported.

ONTARIO

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PROVINCIAL annual meeting, Knox Church, Ottawa, April 21, 22, 23. Billeting Secretary, Mrs. G. Scott Murray, 233 Clemow Avenue, Ottawa.

Reports received of Presbyterial annual meetings are encouraging, showing a definite increase in givings and interest.

For several years Huron Presbyterial has held its annual meeting in Clinton, where ''if you go once you want to go again''. Departments are doing well, with $274.00 above their allocation. Retiring from active office, Mrs. H. Arnold, Hensall, a member since the early days of the Foreign Missionary Society, is now Honorary President.

At the annual meeting in Brantford, Paris Presbyterial reported increased attendance and givings exceeding the allocation by $263.00. In memory of her sister, Mrs. John Penman, Miss McVicar, Paris, made a special gift of $100.00. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Council Secretary for India, spoke on ''Relationships'' and ''New Work in India''. Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, represented the Provincial Board.

Bluevale Auxiliary, Maitland Presbyterial, celebrated its Golden Jubilee, with members from Wingham, Brussels, Eadies and Whitechurch as guests. Mrs. J. R. Gregg presided. Miss M. Anderson, Wingham, the first President, told the story of the early years, paying tribute to the loyal women of past days, while Mrs. C. H. Garniss, Brussels, gave the history of the work since 1925. Mrs. K. MacLean, Presbyterial President, spoke briefly, and Mrs. Alex. Strachan, Brussels, gave an address on ''Memories''. Mrs. McCallum (Miss Bella Maxwell), Vancouver, who was Secretary fifty years ago, and Mrs. W. J. West, Stratford, sent greetings.

Knox Auxiliary, Caledon East, Orangeville Presbyterial, held a white gift shower for the needy. Miss Hulda Higginson, a member for thirty-five years, was presented with a Life Membership.

From Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial come several items of interest. Walkerton celebrated the birthday of the Provincial Society. Rev. A. L. Budge, Moderator of Synod, gave an address and, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented Miss Jean Hislop with a Life Membership. Mrs. John Kelman, Toronto, addressed the Thank-offering meeting. Wiarton Auxiliary made forty-three quilts last year, a total of a hundred and twenty-four in two years. Southampton Auxiliary, meeting at the home of the Misses Tolmie, was addressed by Mrs. J. L. McKenzie, Presbyterial President. This Auxiliary gave prizes to Mission Band members for attendance and entertained the Band at a hot supper. Paisley Auxiliary reports quilts and clothing sent for Western relief, as well as the usual supplies. Tiverton members resolved individually to increase their givings. Oh, for more like them!

Reports at Sarnia annual executive meeting spelled ''Progress''. Strathroy Y.W.A. gives Junior Memberships and pins to babies whose mothers are members of the Auxiliary; five were given last year. Forest organizations held a very successful joint open meeting, the Mission Band taking the opening exercises, the Girls' Guild the Scripture reading, and the Senior Auxiliary the topic. Sixty guests attended the installation dinner of St. Andrew's Y.W.A., Sarnia, at which Mrs. T. W. Nisbit was the speaker.

At the annual meeting of London Presbyterial in New St. James, London, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Council, compared the Society to a corporation, the members being shareholders whose investments of money and service pay dividends in happiness and satisfaction.

Mrs. W. J. McCullough represented the Provincial Board. New St. James Mission Band won the banner, Fingal and St. George's tying for second place. Rev. James MacKay, D.D., gave an illustrated address on his trip to the Orient. Rev. W. Moffat, Fingal, represented Presbytery.

A successful year was reported at the annual meeting of Stratford Presbyterial in Knox Church, Stratford. Miss B. Robson spoke on the work being done among the Bhils of India. The historical committee presented a sketch of the past fifty years. Miss A. McPherson, whose father was the first minister of Knox Church and whose mother helped to organize the Auxiliary, was present and installed the officers.

At the meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial in Smith's Falls, the speakers were Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Brampton, Dr. Margaret O'Hara, and Rev. J. McBeath Miller.

Hamilton Presbyterial, at the annual meeting in St. Catharines, reported an increase in givings and improvement in all departments. Mrs. A. E. Toombs presented a vivid picture of their work in India; Mrs. J. G. Inkster brought greetings from the Provincial Board; and Rev. R. K. Cameron, Toronto, gave an address on ''The Personality of Jesus''. Mrs. J. W. McMurray, Niagara Falls, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. W. I. McLean, the retiring President, with an Honorary Membership. Miss B. Armstrong, Ancaster, is the new President.

First Church Auxiliary, Chatham, presented Mrs. M. Scott Fulton with a Life Membership. Miss W. Ferguson, Toronto, addressed a joint meeting of the Leamington organizations. An In Memoriam certificate was given by the Senior Auxiliary in memory of Mrs. Douglas Maynard, who met such a tragic death. Ridgetown Auxiliary gave a Life Membership to Mrs. H. Cameron. At a recent meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Windsor, Mrs. P. Cunningham, their first President, was a guest. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. W. E. Stauth.

Schomberg Auxiliary co-operated with other organizations in serving a supper, the proceeds of which were divided. They gave a silver tea, at which ladies invited from other Churches gave the programme. Barrie Auxiliary presented an In Memoriam certificate to the family of the late Mrs. Gauley. Collingwood Auxiliary gave Mrs. W. T. Rennie a Life Membership.

QUEBEC

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MONTREAL P.S.—Montreal Presbyterial was fortunate to have at its annual meeting in First Presbyterian Church the first week of February Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the W.M.S. Council (W.D.), and Mrs. A. Earl Toombs, on furlough from Barwani, India. Their addresses were both informative and inspiring. In addition they were able, out of their store of knowledge and experience, to extend to officers and departmental secretaries much worth-while advice. The visit of Mrs. McLennan, especially, will long be remembered in this connection.

Her survey of missionary endeavour within the Presbyterian Church was remarkable for its masterly portrayal of activity both in foreign and home fields and its illuminating and precise detail. Sketching the work in India, Manchuria, Formosa, and among the Koreans in Japan, she observed that the Society was beginning to see that it was approaching its goal—native doctors and nurses and teachers. In the face of difficulties everywhere, progress was sustained, Churches filled and efficiently administered. Medical work and education, principal avenues to eventual evangelization, are being energetically carried on both at home and overseas.

Mrs. Toombs' intensely interesting reports on the work in Central India were not only a source of encouragement but also a challenge.

Departmental reports revealed constant activity and splendid co-operation. The treasurer had forwarded $13,380; the total membership stands at 3,470; the *Glad Tidings* secretary reported 1,392 subscriptions. The supply secretary reporting receipts of $1,833.87, referred to the extent and variety of bales forwarded to Home Mission centres in the Prairie Provinces and to the enthusiasm with which Young Women's Auxiliaries had co-operated. The thirty-six girls' organizations have a membership of 363; twenty-eight Mission Bands with 739 members contributed $400.38. Home Helpers, totalling 840, contributed a large amount of supplies. Seven Honorary certificates, seven In Memoriams, nineteen Life Memberships, three Junior certificates and one Gold Seal were given, contributions in this department being $1,450. Literature sales amounted to $524.11.

Mrs. A. W. Pae, presenting the result of group conferences, stressed the necessity of increased giving, declaring that for members of each Auxiliary this must remain an individual responsibility.

The President, Mrs. W. E. Baker, closed the Wednesday morning meeting with a review of the work accomplished and emphasized the opportunities for greater activity in Home Missions. ''What do ye more than these?''

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA P.S.—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, had a very interesting meeting on January 22nd. Mrs. H. R. Horne gave a most inspiring message for the New Year on ''Going Forward''. An excellent Bible study paper on the conversion of Saul, prepared by Mrs. M. M. Elder, was read by Mrs. J. W. Hedley. Mrs. G. D. Ralston spoke briefly on the work of the ''Peace and Disarmament Cause of Women's International Organizations at Geneva''. She stressed the obligation of missionary women to support the peace movement, ''for in the final analysis world peace is a question of Christian missions''. Mrs. G. M. Bell, the retiring President, was presented with a Life Membership pin by the President, Mrs. J. Tanner. A Life Membership was also presented to the retiring Secretary, Mrs. Leslie.

Mrs. S. Farley was hostess to the new executive of First Church Auxiliary at a special meeting held on January 8th. Plans were made for the work of the coming year.

Mrs. J. A. Sinclair presided at a recent meeting of the executive of the Regina Presbyterial at First Presbyterian Church, Regina. Departmental reports were all encouraging. Two new Auxiliaries were welcomed into the Presbyterial. Dinner was served by the Presbyterial executive.

Saskatoon P.S.—At the January meeting of Parkview W.M.S. Auxiliary, Saskatoon, two excellent papers were given on ''Our Hospitals and the work among the Lepers in the East'' and ''Visions for the Year Ahead''. A meeting was held at the home of a Home Helper, a lady ninety years whose enthusiasm and interest in missions is still very keen.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Wilkie, met on January 8th. The President, Mrs. F. W. Blair, presided and took the devotions. Mrs. S. J. Kirkland led the discussion on the missionary topic. Mrs. Blair outlined a plan for the year's programme.

Treasurer's Statement

December 30th, 1935

RECEIPTS	
A Friend	$ 15.00
A Friend	20.00
A Friend, ''Chinese Work in Toronto''	40.00
Egmont Sunday School, B.C., ''Miss Ellen Douglas' Work in India''	3.00
Pension received from worker	9.01
Refund from Vegreville School	275.00
Transferred from Education of Chinese Candidate Fund	326.95
Interest for Special Pensions	933.23
Refund on Insurance	106.51
Refund on Lantern Slides	146.74
Refund from Sale of Dr. MacBean's Furniture	37.80
Refund from Ontario Provincial for Summer School	20.00
Refund from Miss McVey for travel	200.00
Refund from Alberta Provincial for Council Expense	25.00
Transferred from Life Membership Account	300.00
Interest on General Fund	30.56
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
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British Columbia	2,445.00
Manitoba	1,620.32
Ontario	44,197.17
Quebec	5,750.00
Saskatchewan	1,290.75
	$59,855.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
South Porcupine	$ 10.00
Canora	844.16
Vegreville	240.00
Chinese in Canada	850.41
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	883.48
Birtle Indian School	818.09
Mistawasis Indian Day School	50.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
New Liskeard	66.74
Saskatoon	68.37
Vegreville	498.37
Welcome and Welfare	1,298.34
Publications	1,067.19
Organization	271.50
Lantern Slides	104.00
Student	2.00
Library	19.91
Education of Chinese Candidate	5.00
Deputation	32.79
Supplies	326.60
Pensions	116.66
Christian Literature	50.00
Fees to Canadian School of Missions	125.00
South China	333.33
India, Bhil Field	4,837.50
Jhansi Field	3,261.25
Formosa	625.06
British Guiana	310.00
Exchange	1,386.95
Administration	450.03
	$19,027.73

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RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund—		
Interest	$ 420.18	
Sustaining Fund—		
Interest	206.04	
Special Campaign	2.96	
Legacy Fund—		
Estate of Jessie Allan, Toronto	100.00	
Estate of Mrs. Mary McLarty, through the Bothwell Auxiliary	100.00	
Interest	21.43	
Special Fund—		
Rent of Bungalow in Japan	30.00	
Sale of South Porcupine Hospital	1,944.74	
Sale of McCrea property, Vegreville	56.85	
Interest	70.59	
Formosa Forward Movement Fund—		
Interest	75.39	
		$3,028.18

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pension Fund—		
Interest paid for Special Pensions	$ 933.23	
Sustaining Fund—		
Student Conference	420.06	
Legacy Fund—		
Missionary Rest Room	150.00	
Interest paid to Vegreville School for prizes	12.00	
		$1,515.29

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Ontario

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Maitland P.S.—Junior Auxiliary, Chalmers Ch., Whitechurch.

Ottawa P.S.—Three C.G.I.T. Groups, St. Giles Church, Ottawa.

Paris P.S.—''Jubilee Daughters'' Associate Y.W., Central Church, Brantford.

Saskatchewan

Regina P.S.—Evening Auxiliary, First Church, Regina.

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Quebec

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PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

British Columbia, in Vancouver, April 14, 15, 16.

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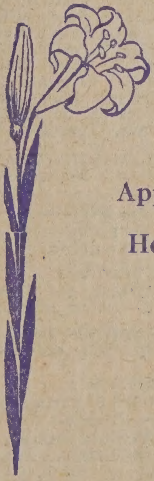

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Palm Sunday

– Behold! The King comes riding on an ass.

. . . . . . If thou hadst raised thine eyes
Thou wouldst have felt His peace flood all thy heart.
For all men find in this great Son of Man
A covert from the tempest of the soul,
Rivers of healing in the world's hard way,
A great rock standing in a weary land.

Good Friday

– A great light shines! I know it is the sun.
And so our Lord shone on a darkened world.
Whoever saw Him knows He is our Lord.

– . . . . . . I'll find His cross and weep,
And if I die, I only die with Him.
For, oh, my Lord is dead! My Lord is dead!

– Nay, "yet a little while,"
He said.

– I'll go and watch beside His cross, until
I understand what means that "Little while".

Easter Morning

– The sun rose gloriously. In all my limbs
There's fuller life to-day. I am not one
Who's glad without a reason. Yet I'm glad,
And have no reason, save that the sun shines.

– The Lord is risen to-day!
Christ lives! He's conquered death, and risen again!

– His tomb is empty, and His blessed Self,
Glowing with life, has risen from the grave.
Jesus has conquered death for evermore.

– Come, let us worship! 'Tis no time for tears.
For Christ is risen! Christ is risen to-day!

—From "*Outside the Gate*," by Ina Kitson Clark,
in "*The Bookman*."

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

Editorial

A Great Message

AT the close of the meeting of February 18th the members of the Council Executive, with some Church leaders and students, were privileged to hear Dr. F. S. Morley, of St. Catharines, speak of the great Student Volunteer Convention at Indianapolis.

Dr. Morley had been struck by the remark of a reporter who had attended many such conferences: at others, people seemed positive, at Indianapolis, there was an indecision, an earnest groping for something. To those delegates who had gone to the Convention believing in the need of a constant struggle for a better understanding, a continual groping after new truth, a discarding of what has ceased to be truth, Indianapolis would, Dr. Morley believed, bring great happiness.

Several definite impressions had been received by him. There was, first, the need of more *devotion* in our religious life, less of the agitation and bustle so characteristic of Western peoples. While there is a great place in the religious world, he said, for the Marthas, there is a still greater place for the Marys. People do not wait enough upon God, do not take time to *listen* to Him. The vital question is: Have you lived close to God? Have you any personal contact with Him? There must, too, be more *fellowship* in Church life. The essential point in organizing groups of Christians is not great numbers. Christianity must lose a great deal of its formalism and rediscover, in a very real sense, the meaning of true Christian fellowship.

The Archbishop of York, Kagawa, and Mrs. Induk Pak all emphasized the need of a definite linking of religion and life. To Dr. Morley one of the great messages of the Conference was that religious faith must be carried ''into every nook and cranny'' of social and industrial life. Referring to the story of the Bambino in Dr. E. Stanley Jones' *Christ's Alternative to Communism,* he asked Christians to try to imagine a Christ laden with precious jewels in the midst of starving people. Religious faith cannot live unless brought to a world where ''cups of water'' are given,—where there is the human brotherhood and social justice which is at the very heart of the Gospel. The religious faith of the world is at a turning-point to-day. A great struggle is going on between such forces as Communism, Fascism, Nazism on the one hand and Christianity on the other. Nothing, Dr. Morley believes, can triumph against true Christianity, but unless the Christian Church seizes its opportunity *now* God's work will be retarded for centuries. In the remarks of every speaker at the Conference there was this note of urgency. The Church had failed in Russia, because it had ceased to be a true Church of Christ. If it were not so to fail in all countries, the Christian Church must press forward now. This is a time of great challenge, but also a time of great opportunity.

One of the great difficulties of missionary work, in Dr. Morley's opinion, is the ignorance of our people as to what is going on in the Orient. There would be little trouble if people could be really *educated* in a missionary sense. There must be a deeper understanding of other nations. The only hope of world peace is in the League of Nations, which, however imperfect it may be, is striving to realize its great ideal of peace among the nations.

The Conference was remarkable for its great personalities,—among them, Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of York, one of the greatest Christian statesmen of the day, Dr. Koo, the most eloquent leader of Chinese students, Dr. John R. Mott, Dr. Robert Speer, and, above all, ''shining like two stars set in a velvet cushion'', Kagawa and Mrs. Induk Pak, in whom was something greater and grander than in all others, two consecrated people, completely dedicated to Christ, living and talking with Him. Is it not significant, Dr. Morley asked, that the great message of the Conference should come from countries that we call heathen? As one listened to Mrs. Pak and Kagawa bringing the message of Christ and telling of the brotherhood of man, one felt that from the East would, in increasing measure, come great strength for the Christian Church, in which all are knit together in holy fellowship, one in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A Visit from the Moderator

THE Council Executive was honoured on March 3rd by a visit from the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D., who brought to the members a message of encouragement and congratulation.

As he had travelled recently from coast to coast and had had the opportunity of seeing at first hand the thorough, efficient, devoted work of the Women's Missionary Society in both East and West, Dr. McKerroll had formed the opinion that the Society was the greatest organization in the Presbyterian Church in Canada to-day. He had been deeply impressed by the appeal made by the women of the Maritime Provinces and their great influence. Going across the continent to Vancouver, he had been thrilled at the great possibilities before the Church. He had attended a great meeting at Dunbar Heights where, in a wonderful work, the foundation of a future congregation was being laid. A building had been put up almost altogether with voluntary labour. As in the East, he had been inspired by the way the women were carrying on the work.

Dr. McKerroll had visited two of the Indian Residential Schools,—the one at Birtle, Manitoba, and the Cecilia Jeffrey at Kenora, Ontario. The Society was, he said, to be commended on the fine work being done in these schools, and congratulated on the principals, Rev. E. H. Lockhart and Mr. E. W. Byers, and their staffs. From the time the Indian children enter the schools until they graduate, they are being trained for Christian citizenship. Unfortunately, Dr. McKerroll felt, there is one missing link: after the Women's Missionary Society has done its excellent work in education and evangelism, there is no provision made for carrying on the work, so that too often the young people after graduation go back to the old conditions of life.

Dr. McKerroll wished to pay tribute to the Society, to express his appreciation of the vital work it was doing, and tell of the inspiration it was giving the Church. In thanking the Moderator for his kind and encouraging words, the President said that the women would like to live up to the high idea he had of them.

Memoirs of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Thomson

WE wish to thank Miss Avis P. Thomson, of Canton, China, for a copy of the *Memoirs of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Thomson,* which she wrote for the centennial of the Canton Hospital in November, 1935. It is interesting to note that Dr. Thomson had been a surgeon there in 1885 when the hospital celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its opening, and at the hundredth anniversary last fall his son, Dr. J. Oscar Thomson, had been for twenty-five years on the staff.

The beginning of our Church's work among the Chinese in Canada was largely due to Dr. Joseph Thomson. As a result of a survey he was invited to make during his furlough, Dr. Thomson, in 1894, was appointed Superintendent of Chinese Mission work in eastern Canada under the Presbyterian Church. Missions were opened from the Maritimes to Winnipeg in all the large cities where there were Chinese. Later through the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Thomson who saw the need of carrying the work among the Chinese into that part of South China from which most of them came, the South China Mission of our Church was organized in 1902, first in Macao, then in Kong Moon. After twenty-five years' service in Canada, Dr. Thomson returned in 1919 to Canton where he assisted in the evangelistic work in the Hospital until his death in November, 1926.

"Glad Tidings" Subscriptions

THE Council Executive is, indeed, gratified at the earnest efforts which branches of the Society everywhere have been, and are, making in response to the appeal for a greatly increased number of subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings* as a memorial to Miss Fraser. Returns are still coming in, showing increases in the majority of lists, in some cases of fifty, seventy-five, even one hundred per cent. One Auxiliary, with a marked increase last year, has added thirty-five, making an increase of seventy-six for the two years, another Church added sixty this year; one Auxiliary with a membership of twenty-two, reports fifty subscribers to the *Glad Tidings*, while another with seventeen members reported last year sends this year sixty-three subscriptions, an increase of forty-four. It must not be forgotten, however, that the total increase comes largely from the two, three or four subscribers added in a great many Auxiliaries. Many small Auxiliaries have doubled, others have trebled, the number of subscribers.

A New Auxiliary in the North West

AS we go to press, news comes of a new Auxiliary organized at Blueberry Mountain, north west of Spirit River, in the Peace River District,—the first on the west side of the Peace River in Alberta. There had been no religious gathering of women in that community until Mrs. Roderick Macdonald succeeded in gathering twelve of them at her home on February 28th for the World Day of Prayer. She reports a very fine meeting—''All the women want to keep every Day of Prayer after this.'' It was at the close of this service that the Auxiliary was organized, with Mrs. Macdonald as President and Miss Janet Munroe as Secretary-Treasurer.

MISS NEWBURY, whose first letter appears in our Letter-box this month, is the acting Principal of the Girls' School in Tamsui, Formosa, during the absence of Miss Dorothy Douglas in Tokyo, Japan, where she is studying the Japanese language. With several years' experience in teaching in Japan and an understanding of the conditions under which our missionaries are working in Formosa, Miss Newbury is well fitted to carry on the work successfully.

REGINA Presbyterial is to be congratulated upon its new Student Secretary. Dr. Hilda Neatby, a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, completed her Ph.D. degree last year in Minnesota and is now Lecturer in History at Regina College.

The Questionnaires

THE Council Executive would like to thank the branches of our Society for the whole-hearted response which has been made to the request for suggestions as to any help which might be given in carrying on the work of the Society. The information obtained through the questionnaires is being tabulated so that it may very soon, it is hoped, be used for the benefit of all.

Annual Meeting of the Council

A FULL Council meeting of the Women's Missionary Society will be held in Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto, beginning on May 26th.

On Furlough

ON March 19th Miss Ellen I. Douglas, of the W.M.S. staff in Jobat, left India for Canada on her first furlough. The next few months, at least, she expects to spend at her home in Vancouver.

Dr. E. and Mrs. Stevens, of Taihoku, Formosa, are also returning to Canada on furlough. They are expected to be at their home in Chesley, Ontario, in May.

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Easter Then and Now

MRS. JOHN KELMAN

THE first Easter day was a miracle day, a singing hour in which ugly, deep despair was transformed into high, ecstatic joy. It was a day on which three grief-stricken women came running at dawn to an empty tomb, to hear the secret of Easter from the lips of ''two men in dazzling apparel'' who stood within. ''Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here . . . He is risen.''

It is said that without Easter and the Christ of Easter we should be in a sorry state. The first Easter, we are told, means to the world the difference between light and darkness, between life and death. Easter now, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-six, is upon us, and we shall pack our churches to celebrate it. Thousands—tens of thousands—will come flocking into beautiful city cathedrals and wayside meeting-houses to listen once more to glorious Easter anthems, to hear the resurrection hope again proclaimed from the pulpit, to drop their collection in the plate, then all too often to rush out to join the ''Easter parade'' on the main street or avenue—and forget the true meaning of Easter, until another year comes around. Above the sound of those bright feet moving along in pompous parade, above the roar of motors, above the crash and glamour of the avenue, if we listen for it we may hear a still, persistent voice reminding us ''He is not here!'' Clothes, shoes, hats will hold our minds; shop windows will hold our eyes; talk of depression and prosperity and easy money will hold our ears. Things, things, things! Shall we thus celebrate the coming back of One who lived a penniless Carpenter in Palestine?

Easter, then, meant that death could not hold Him; Easter, now, means that millions of the living will not acknowledge Him. Easter, then, meant new hope for the lowly and oppressed, and it meant consternation for the powerful and rich. Galilean fishermen and despised tax-collectors leaped for joy. They had been saved! But Easter now! Never-ending, ever-growing despair has taken hold of and is strangling and terrifying our social and economic life. ''He is not here,'' cry millions of people who are deprived of food and of a fair chance to earn it, while many pile up wealth until their barns burst. Is this the Easter spirit of 1936? We are cutting down on our work as never before, though He left a command, ''Go ye into all the world!'' It is not a pretty picture, but a true one. The world at large has as great a need of Christ in A.D. 1936 as it had in A.D. 31.

Easter now! We cannot let it be an empty show. We who love Christ cannot close our eyes to truth, nor turn our backs on ''the crucifixion in our street'', the betrayal of the Master in our own day. The world is not yet Christian. It is still as heedless, pagan, and prodigal as the individuals who make it up. But has it not always been so? Has not Christ fought always against crushing odds, with a pitifully small army at His back? We have no reason to despair, no need to run. We have only to fight the good fight and keep the faith. We have only to take Christ seriously.

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A Home, Not an Institution

THOUGH we have often heard of the pleasant place it is, we had never, till the other day, seen the interior of the big house in St. George Street that goes by the rather terrifying name of the Presbyterian Deaconess and Missionary Training Home. But once within we decided the last word in the title was quite correct. The place, under Miss Winifred Ferguson, is a home and not an institution. And it's not alone in the recreation rooms and the bedrooms that the word ''home'' fits the place—that tell-tale spot, the kitchen, is filled with hominess. A real ''range'' and an easy chair for the odd moments the cook can drop into it; rows and rows of shining utensils, a scullery that saves messiness, and a pantry, tidy, but with none of that operating-room efficiency that very often means flavourless meals. When the girls go out to the four corners of the earth from this home-like atmosphere they will carry something far more valuable to their work as deaconesses or missionaries than a mere collection of high marks either in theology or in theoretic psychology. Because they have been given sympathy there, they will be more likely to extend it to those among whom their working lot is cast.

—''Bride Broder'' in the *Mail and Empire.*

In British Guiana

SOON after her arrival in New Amsterdam Miss Davies took over and re-organized the Sunday School. She has been fortunate in securing the assistance of Miss Kathleen Ramdeholl and Mr. C. E. R. Debidin, who has recently been appointed to the New Amsterdam Magistrate's Office. The attendance has increased. We hope this very necessary work will continue to flourish. The Church is very grateful to Miss Davies and her assistants for their deep interest in this work.

At the Harvest Thanksgiving services held in Edinburgh on Sunday, December 8th, Miss O. Davies, B.A., Principal of the Girls' High School, presided at the children's concert at 11 a.m., and at the adults' service at 12 noon preached an inspiring sermon on the text ''My cup runneth over.''

—From the *Church Record* of the Canadian
Presbyterian Mission in British Guiana.

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Grateful for Assistance

Extracts from letters received by the Supply Department.

Hospitals

YOUR lovely bale arrived safely. Having had a busy summer, we are very glad to see supplies arriving . . . We have had a busy season with ninety babies to date. That takes plenty of baby clothes for our nursery use and then so often a case needs help, so that baby clothes are very popular with us.

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The supplies are lovely, but I just can't express our delight over the Christmas stockings and other remembrances. Unless we have an extra houseful we shall have a stocking for all our young patients that may be in over the holiday season and perhaps one for several of our ex-patients we so enjoy remembering.

School Residence

Received your box of Christmas articles for the children. They are very nice. We are looking forward to a very happy time. Thanks for helping to make our Christmas a success by the gifts sent.

Indian Residential School

We beg to acknowledge receipt of six bales of clothing, all of which have reached us in good order. Everything contained therein was most useful and satisfactory, and we wish to extend to your Society our sincere thanks for your kindly co-operation and the splendid donations which you have made. We appreciate that it means a great sacrifice in times like these, and we will see that all articles are used to fill urgent needs and every article will find a place. The attendance in our School is up to the limit, and the boys and girls seem to be quite happy and enjoying good health.

Deaconesses

The bale arrived safely and we had a pleasant time opening it up and sorting out those lovely things. Nothing has been forgotten and I can't begin to mention the many things the women and children have sent. I do wish I could thank them all personally. What a splendid assortment of toys and books have been sent! In fact, everything is most useful and will be greatly appreciated. If they could only be here at our Christmas Trees and see the pleasure the children get from the gifts, all would be well repaid for their labours of love.

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The children of all our districts certainly had a happy Christmas this year, through the kindness of our women and children in other parts of Canada. We distributed two hundred and sixty-five gifts, and every child seemed satisfied. It is a great privilege to be allowed to act as Santa Claus for our W.M.S. The work on this field is increasing, giving me very little free time, but I love it, and only wish I could be several people instead of one.

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More thanks than I can express in words for the contents of the bale! I wish you could see some of the homes and the children to whom your gifts will be given. Mothers will be delighted with the quilts, towels and clothing for their little ones, and the little children will have their faith in Santa Claus renewed, because he came to their homes again this year. Please be assured that everything in the bale is useful and appreciated, not only by the deaconess, but by those who receive the gifts.

Mission Fields

We received the lovely bale yesterday, and I do want to send you and all the friends who gave them our heartfelt thanks for everything that you sent. I will be able to make good use of them. There will be many hearts gladdened when we distribute the very nice suits or dresses or coats, not to mention the lovely dolls, scrap books, etc. I don't think I have ever seen nicer scrap books and as they are on the various missions of our Church they will be most helpful to us in our work. It means so much to us to be able, through your kindness, to help the people here who are passing through such hard times through no fault of their own. They are such splendid people, and they invariably say, ''Isn't there someone else who needs it even more than we?'' But they are so thankful to get it. I do wish all of you God's richest blessing for the year 1936.

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I wish to thank you and the Missionary Society for the assistance you have given our little Sabbath School at this Christmas time. It has given us encouragement to struggle on. There is no Presbyterian field here and there was no Sunday School of any kind until we started this one which is composed of many nationalities and as many denominations, but all friendly and interested in the Bible Study. The gifts are to be distributed to-night from a Christmas Tree, and will gladden many young hearts.

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The members of our organization wish to thank your W.M.S. very much for their kind and liberal donation. A good number of families have been cheered up and made much more comfortable by the contents of the bale. Again we extend our heartfelt thanks for your kindness.

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I can assure you of the need here and of the thankfulness with which the clothing was received, as most of the families of this district are in very needy circumstances and, were it not for the assistance received from the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church, most of the families, especially the children, would have suffered greatly from the cold in the past four winters.

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The contents of the bales were much appreciated and I am getting them out where they will do most good just as speedily as possible. Every recipient has been so grateful, saying again and again, ''What wonderful people they must be who have remembered us thus! How can we ever thank them enough?'' I have just told them that we in the West and the Presbyterians in the East are but one family and that everything sent was from a brother or sister wishing to help to make life a little easier for some one of the same household of God. I think that our needs are well supplied for the present and we are hoping and praying that the year may be such that, while remembering all your kindness, we may be able almost to forget the conditions we have passed through. May I again express on my own behalf as well as on behalf of the recipients the heartfelt thanks of all.

Indian Reservations

We wish to thank you very much for answering our appeal so quickly for toys and more clothes. The last bale enabled us to put a small bundle of clothes in every home. That meant sixty-four parcels going out. If only you kind people could see the happiness that your gifts bring, as we see it, you would be well repaid. Our W.M.S. is doing much amongst these women. Some say, ''We are very thankful for anything you can give us.'' An old woman said her coat would do, but she would like a quilt to wrap around her when she went out.

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We received three splendid bales which contained all the articles I specially asked for. I was, indeed, grateful for the generous response and we have been able to make clothes for each of our old women, to keep them warm during the winter weather, which they find so trying. One dear old lady who lives alone and makes a living trapping (which means she has to go out in the deep snow almost every day to see to her traps) has bronchitis and so needs special care. The other day I took her winter outfit out to her. I wish you could have heard her ''Oh's'' and long-drawn-out ''Ah's'' of satisfaction as I showed her each article—shirts, knickers, a warm man's sweater, a pair of thick socks to pull over her stockings, and a woollen toque which she wears over a handkerchief that is always tied on her head. When the weather is at all fit she walks nearly three miles to Church. Last Sunday we picked her up on the way. She had got tired and sat down in the snow by the wayside.

Directly the bales come in we begin our weekly sewing meetings and the women are kept busy right up to Christmas making up garments. The knitting they take home with them. We had a generous supply of women's coats sent which were indeed acceptable. I try to give the women one every two years, which just about makes them go around. There were just two women who were rather large, so that I did not have coats to fit them. A man's fur coat came in one of the bales. This we gave to our chief—he is getting old and had a bad attack of pneumonia last winter. I am sure that the donor of the coat never got as much pleasure and pride in wearing it as does this chief. There was a fur cap, too, to complete the outfit.

The women have as usual been knitting stockings and scarves from yarns supplied by the Indian Department, and from the bales sent in every one gets some needful article to wear besides a gift to please. Our old ladies get real pleasure from a scrap-book, so we always try to have one for each of them. I could go on indefinitely giving you the history of what becomes of every article sent to us, if only time and space would permit, but I would like the ladies just to know that even the humblest article sent is made use of and is of value to some one. To the Supply Department we extend our most sincere thanks.

Appreciation of the Library Department

Wanham, Alberta.

A UKRAINIAN who lives eight miles from here comes in quite often. I had given him some Bible stories for his two little girls. Then he began taking some of the Ukrainian literature and has read almost every book I have—about two dozen. One he was specially interested in—*Communism and Christianity.* He said, ''I read and be able to answer those people who say there is no God.'' We got him a Ukrainian Bible. He had a New Testament, but wanted the whole Bible. He was in the other day and it certainly was good to hear him tell how much he enjoyed reading it. ''I learn many things I never knew before,'' he said. ''When I was young I was indifferent, didn't care about these things, but I married, have little children, and I think differently; want to know about God and His Son Jesus Christ.'' Through the literature given out he has become interested in our Church and comes quite often.

The Bible, Testaments, and hymn books are very much appreciated also. One little girl had no Bible in her house and in Sunday School was learning her catechism. She is only seven years of age and she did want a Bible of her very own, but was not entitled to one till she had finished her Primary Catechism. However, we gave her one so that her mother could read the Sunday School lesson to her and told her that when she finished the catechism we would write her name in it. She covered it so that it would not get soiled and last Sunday she came to me saying, ''Now that Bible is my very own.'' She had worked hard in the last two weeks so that she could get it.

An elderly couple could not see the small type in our little red hymn books. A few of the larger ones had come in and I gave them two. How delighted they were, saying, ''Now we can sing those lovely hymns!''

I wish I could take you to some of the little log houses where the homesteaders and their families live right in the bush, many of them away from everyone else. Lonely they are, but the husband goes to town and brings back a roll of magazines some of our women have sent in. How pleased they are! The children love to look at the pictures and the grown-ups to read the stories. —*Margaret Grigor.*

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Here and There with the Workers

Montreal.

ALTHOUGH the immediate gain in new members for our Churches because of the port worker's efforts may seem small, one cannot help realizing, as from week to week Continental settlers exceed in numbers those from the British Isles, how vast a task lies before us in helping to assimilate into our Canadian life those who are coming to us from foreign lands. Many come with gifts and talents which we would do well to appreciate, but many also come without our language, with different standards of living and morals not so high as ours; all need the help and guidance of Canadians in those difficult first days in a strange land.

—*Iris E. Munro.*

Toronto.

The body and mind are under the care of the medical doctors while the patient is in hospital, but the spiritual is under that of ministers and Church workers. When the heart is right, then the mind and body are adjusted.

A mother who is seriously ill and knows she won't get better has doubts as to her entrance and acceptance, but as she relies on the Word, doubts disappear, and a smile greets you as she whispers: ''Nothing matters; all is well. Underneath are the Everlasting Arms.'' Her minister is a great comfort to her . . . An old lady who came into the hospital with a fractured hip was so ashamed that she had got out of touch with the Church quite close to her home. She was in the hospital for five months; she was home five days when she fell and fractured the same leg. When I saw her she had the same smile, a wonderful growth in the knowledge of Jesus as her Saviour. *—Mary C. Murray.*

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Hamilton, Ont.

The children at our Saturday School especially enjoyed learning the Christmas play in which almost all the pupils took part. On Christmas Eve not only the Sunday School pupils were present, but also those who live too far away to attend the regular Sunday School classes, as well as tiny tots. All of them were happy to see the play and receive the presents which Central and St. John Churches so generously sent. We were glad to have ten baskets for our needy families.

We all attended the New Year Sunday School Rally in Westminster Church. With an average attendance last year of eighty-eight per cent. our Sunday School was third among Hamilton Sunday Schools. The women of our congregation gave a party for our faithful children on January 17th, when Rev. C. L. Cowan spoke encouragingly to them.

—Mrs. Frank Kovacs.

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Vancouver.

The predominant feeling in the West is that the Chinese (or rather the Orientals) are an alien people, utterly different from us, so that they can have no feelings in common with us. The fallacy of this was illustrated recently. Mrs. Louie and the children were at supper when King George's death was announced over the radio. When six-year-old Bernice saw that her mother's eyes were filled with tears and that she could not eat, she asked: ''Mama, why don't you eat?''

''The King is dead,'' Mrs. Louie told them. ''He was a good man.''

These dear people who live among us are sharing our sorrows and our joys more than we realize. *—Ruth Yeandle.*

Vancouver.

As a result of letters sent to the W.M.S. centres in the Province to inquire about Chinese people who, like some who had moved to Vancouver from the interior, were unconnected with any Sunday School, we were able to make contacts with many scattered families among whom no Christian work was being done. Literature was sent and now Miss Yeandle is arranging to visit these families throughout the Province.

We have just closed our finest Sunday School year, from the point of view of attendance. That is gratifying. We have, at present, some very fine, enthusiastic teachers in all departments. Altogether from our Vancouver Mission for the year we raised $126 (full allocation) for the Budget; $95 (full allocation) toward the Jubilee Deficit scheme; and $19 for the W.M.S., a total of $240. I count this good going. It is the best in our history. Victoria raised for the Budget, $190; for the Deficit, $54; and for W.M.S. $75, making a total of $319. This is also Victoria's greatest amount. This is a long way up from nothing in 1926. Yet there are people, with, I'm afraid, an anti-Chinese bias, who wonder if such Christian training for these people is worth while. —*David Smith.*

Chinese Presbyterian Kindergarten, Victoria, with Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Grace Lee.

April appeared, the green earth's impulse came,
Pushing the singing sap until each bud
Trembled with delicate life as soft as flame,
Filled by the mighty heart-beat as with blood;
Death was at ebb, and Life in brimming flood.
—Masefield, *The Daffodil Fields.*

Easter Prayer

OUR great Eternal Father, Ruler of the universe and Father of all mankind! Speak to our hearts at this sacred Easter time, as we humbly bow in adoration. We stand before the cross and see what Thou hast done for us and pray for mercy, asking that our hearts may be open to see and know Thy great sacrifice and suffering. We are overwhelmed by our spiritual needs. Apart from Thee we have found no water that satisfies our cravings and no bread which gives us strength for our daily tasks. We come to Thee in confidence that we shall be taught the meaning of life in all its glory, in all its fullness, and in all its privilege. We thank Thee for the call to service, the fellowship of kindred souls, and the ideals that ever beckon us forward.

May we have grace to meet the duties of life with Christian courage, and give our wills to Thee that we may be guided aright. In Thy great pity Thou hast spared us, in Thy mercy Thou hast pardoned our sin, remembering our frailty. We pray that the increasing power of Christ's teachings may become world-wide, and that people now living in darkness, superstition, and sin may find the Light of the world, the Saviour of men.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. With what a price we have been redeemed! Our Father, we thank Thee for the hope of the Christian, that it is a lively hope, not a dead hope. Help us in our longing for fellowship with Thee and create in us a true feeling of charity and humility. May the Holy Spirit of promise and power be manifest in all hearts and homes, and thus make effective the means ordained for the saving of the whole world. And Thine shall be the praise and the glory for evermore. Amen.

Let us Give Thanks: For the encouragement that comes in reports, and in news from mission fields and frontier settlements, and for consecrated lives everywhere.

Let us Pray: For all our missionaries and native workers, that in them non-Christians may see the spirit of Christ.

For all those whose active service has been interrupted for a time by illness that they may be restored to health, with a clearer vision of God.

Among the Mission Bands

"BAND assisted at the W.M.S. World Day of Prayer by attending 'en masse' and singing special hymns."

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"Mission Band observed during same week World Day of Prayer for Missions, using the special programme for youth. One hundred per cent. attendance and all participated."

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"Mission Band gave their Christmas pageant 'The World Friendship Christmas Tree' at the Community Tree on Christmas Eve."

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"An Auxiliary President was responsible for a new Band."

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"One Band gave five times the amount given last year."

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"One girl had perfect attendance for seven years."

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"Every Presbyterian child is enrolled, ninety-three per cent. attendance."

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"Closer co-operation between Bands, C.G.I.T. groups and Auxiliaries."

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"In one Band a boy repaired toys. These were sent to an Indian Reserve and to needy families in their own district."

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

"JESUS taught that the size of a gift is measured, not so much by the amount given, as by that from which it is taken." This thought is embodied in a new leaflet just put into stock for the Thank-offering season. LARGE GIVING is the title, and it is worth having.

The following are leaflets taken into stock to help all who wish a new story or article to add interest to the programme.

LARGE GIVING, described above. Price 3 cents.

A CRUSADER FOR CHRIST—the story of Kagawa. Price 5 cents.

MY DAUGHTER WILL WEAVE, a thought on the work which we hand on to our daughters. Price 3 cents.

A BOX REVIEW—splendid for a little scene when the mite boxes are opened. Price 5 cents.

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?—a little missionary exercise for four persons. Price 3 cents.

TRAINING IN PRAYER—a little booklet for mothers or leaders of children of pre-school and kindergarten age explaining the value and methods of prayer. Price 5 cents.

STEWARDSHIP TAUGHT TO CHILDREN, tells us Stewardship should be taught by precept and example, and should begin with the very young. Price 3 cents.

I AM THE DEACONESS—a monologue on this valuable path of service taken by many of our young women. Price 2 cents.

THERE CAME BY NIGHT—a delightful story from India. Price 3 cents.

PRAYER AVAILETH MUCH—a stirring story of China. Price 4 cents.

OUR LETTER BOX

Kobe, Japan.

"ONE Sunday in late spring I visited a little group in the city of Kosaka. During the afternoon, in a conversation with an old grandmother, I said: 'If a friend wished to give us a gift, should we not express our thanks and accept the gift with a grateful heart? In the same way, when God wishes to give us this great gift of salvation, shall we not thank Him and accept it?'

"In the evening she appeared, bringing her two grandchildren, and said: 'Did you not say that we must be grateful and accept the gift? I do not know anything, but I want to believe, and I want you to teach these two children.'

"The same afternoon we talked with a man who showed more interest than formerly and in the evening he attended the evening service and made a decision to believe in Jesus as his Saviour. Here were the two, the old lady and the bright, strong young man, a striking contrast to human eyes, but both mere helpless babes in darkness, desiring to take this first step into the light. How happy we were that night! A Church manager to whom I spoke after the service said: 'Oh, that man will never continue. He has been so antagonistic. He will never continue.' But in my heart, I thought: 'Do not be so sure. Who are we to limit the power of God?' Aloud I said: 'We do not know what prayer can do.' I am sorry to say that the grandmother either did not continue or moved away, but a few weeks later, at the dedication service of the new Osaka church, I glanced across the large audience, and was met by a friendly bow from our friend the new believer from Kosaka, sitting beside the manager! I knew he had continued. When I inquired about him, the manager told me that his zeal was excellent, and he himself was instructing him in the Word of God. On the occasion of my last visit to Kosaka, our new friend was one of those who assisted in the afternoon visiting and it was a touching and beautiful sight, indeed, to see him try to tell, as well as he knew, what the Lord had done for him.

"Meeting a group of boys one day, I could not help comparing the bright-eyed, happy face of one of them with the sullen, angry faces of his companions. We later found that he had just become a believer at Moribe Church; that he had declared that his whole life purpose was changed; in fact, that for him at twenty years of age the whole world was changed. He began coming to our house for Bible instruction, and it was a joy, indeed, to see his handsome face light up as a new truth was revealed to him. He was truly taught of the Spirit, and his progress was wonderful. He is now attending Pyengyang College, and after a four years' course intends returning to Kobe to enter the Theological Seminary. This is the way in which he desires to spend his life for his Lord. Just recently, one year after his conversion, I received a letter in which he says: 'I am very happy, because it is just one year since I became a Christian. To-day is a memorable day for me. Do you know what to-day is? It is Thanksgiving Day. Last Thanksgiving Day I first went to Church. I have had a very different life since that time. Now I am Christian, and before I was not. Now I thank God for everything and before it was not so. Now I am a happy man and before that time I was unhappy.' A more recent letter states: 'I am very happy to inform you of something. What do you think? It is the most important and the happiest thing. I have become a Church member. I received baptism last Sunday, December first. Now I have become God's son with all my sin cleared away. No one can take from me this happiness.'

"On Thanksgiving Day it was my privilege to attend the Dedication service of the new Moribe Church. These people had decided that this building should not be formally dedicated to the Lord as long as a debt remained on it, and far beyond our expectation they, though very poor, paid the last of the debt." —*Mary E. Anderson.*

NOTE.—Readers will recall the picture of the new Moribe Church in the March *Glad Tidings.*

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Tokyo, Japan.

"WE are in a very central position here. It is within walking distance of the school and yesterday Mrs. Dickson and I walked down to the main shopping district which is called the Ginza. We discovered a new department store which I am sure is almost as big as Eaton's; everything was very tastefully arranged. You can buy almost everything you have to have now, although shoes are still not so good as the home ones.

"I am enjoying Tokyo much more than I thought I would, for there are more opportunities to do interesting things. One night this week we were at a lecture on manners and customs of the Japanese through the different periods of history; young people were there demonstrating the different costumes worn.

"This week the National Christian Council met and, although all the meetings were conducted in Japanese, I went to one of them and met several interesting people. Miss Loomis, the Principal of a Girls' School in Yokohama, who was on the boat with us when we went home last year, asked me down for lunch to see the school, an invitation which I was very glad to accept. I want to visit as many girls' schools as possible while I am here, for I expect more and more we shall have to do as they are doing here in Japan.

"I found on my arrival that I was really ahead of the language students in the school who started in September. I have, therefore, a private teacher for this month and am trying to get ahead so that I may go in the next one.

"Last Sunday I was at a service which the Christian students from Formosa who are here in Tokyo hold every Sunday afternoon. There were almost a hundred there and I thought it very inspiring to see so many young people gathered together for worship in a strange land. They are very anxious to have a new building of their own which they can use for a dormitory and where they can hold meetings on week-days as well as on Sunday. They lack the money, however, which is the usual draw-back, as they don't have a great deal left when they have paid their preacher's salary." —*Dorothy Douglas.*

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Tamsui, Formosa.

"JAPAN has been called the 'Land of Opposites' and the 'Upside Down Country'. Formosa is the Island of mixtures: mixture of languages, mixture of customs, mixture of types of people, of houses, of food, and, indeed, mixture of government officials, for here in our little town of Tamsui we have both a Japanese and a Chinese mayor.

"In a motor ride from Kiirun, the Island port, to Tamsui one views a vast panorama of gorgeous greenery and rolling hills, dotted with picturesque clusters of red brick houses, through the midst of which run the sparkling waters of a river on its way to the sea. On the top of a hill overlooking the mouth of this river stands our red brick school building surrounded by the same beautiful green. Yonder is the lighthouse and one looks beyond the meeting-place of river and sea to the ever-rolling ocean. Across the river are the green hills with the Fuji San of Formosa in the background. It is an altogether lovely picture.

"The ducks are taken out to pasture in 'herds' by their 'herd-boy' in the morning and brought back at night; the water-buffalo tended by the 'gu-boy' browse by the wayside; chickens and turkeys and more ducks, marked on the back so that they can be recognized by the owner, wander at large in the streets and roads, and in the midst of it all children in nondescript bits of wearing apparel amuse themselves. In the ditch by the roadside the housewives do the family washing; in the doorway of the dark room with no window sits the grandfather smoking his pipe, blissfully unconscious of the odours, the noise, the dust and the dirt. Passing to and fro from the school to the station, the day pupils go in and out among the chickens, the ducks and the pigs, entirely unconscious, no doubt, of the strange mixtures about them.

''The school is very much the same as that in Sendai, but with its own individual problems. The pupils are Formosan, but are much the same as high school girls the world over, apart from their own peculiar background and the homes from which they come. The subjects taught are the same as in any school in Japan, only with local needs emphasized. My daily programme consists of a round of meetings—with teachers, visitors, officials and, occasionally, a naughty pupil,—keeping the wheels of routine well oiled, knowing that each department of the school life is functioning as it should, doing accounts and planning how we can develop a better school spirit, grow in Christian life, and develop a finer womanhood for the building of Christian homes that Formosa may perhaps lead the way in making this Empire of Japan a Christian nation. Seven-thirty finds me in the office and, except for time for lunch, I am usually there until after four. At six-thirty there is vesper service with the one hundred and eighteen dormitory girls. There is often a teachers' meeting in the evening, or some other conference. So the days pass and I try to 'sow the seed,' hoping, praying and believing that it 'sprouts and grows tall,' even though I cannot see it.

''A trip to the Leprosy Colony among the hills across the river may be something of an adventure. It was such the day I went with Miss Burdick. We crossed the river by 'sampan,' a flat-bottomed boat propelled and steered by an oar in the stern. As a stout wind was blowing, a sail was also used. We took our rickshaws with us. The colony itself is very beautifully situated and Dr. and Mrs. Taylor are doing wonderful things for those afflicted people. One lad whose hands are so badly deformed that he cannot handle a ball or prepare his meals can, however, hold the little hammer with which to play a small dulcimer. While he played, another lad beating time and Miss Burdick and Mrs. Taylor humming the tune of 'Jesus Loves Me,' I took a few feet of movie film. No movie actor ever had a greater thrill out of his finest film than those lads got out of that 'stunt.'

''One particularly interesting event of the fall was a meeting in Taihoku of some 2,000 Christians of the Island. It was, indeed, very inspiring to see this great gathering of native believers and to realize that they were, in reality, only the representatives of many thousands more who were unable to attend in person.'' —*Georgia M. Newbury.*

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Taihoku, Formosa, Japan.

''SOME people seem to think that in the East everything moves so slowly. I, for one, have not yet found it so. I always go to bed thinking the day should have been as long again to do all the things intended.

''About the middle of December I began language study. Everything was so strange and new that I had to 'find myself' first. For over five weeks a Chinese teacher has been coming. I must confess that this language is not *quite* so much fun as those I had tried previously. What queer contortions my tongue tries to take and how dull my ears are sometimes for the funny little sound they're supposed to detect!

''I have been going to the hospital off and on, but one cannot do much more than get acquainted with the place until one has some means of oral communication. When Mrs. Wilkie was in hospital I did go over and look after the baby every day, while Mrs. Stevens cared for the mother. We had to share the privilege of looking after foreign patients!

''The Council has decided that I am to study Chinese and Japanese concurrently—at least I am to try it. As yet I have not advanced very rapidly with my Chinese. I find it best to laboriously drill and drill and drill, but some things are beginning to emerge from the mechanical stage. On our trip down South before Christmas Miss Heighton was quite encouraged to find how much Japanese she could understand. Perhaps I shall reach that stage, too.

''When I arrived plans were being made for Miss Heighton and me to go to Arizan with Mrs. Landsborough, her daughter and two schoolmates. We couldn't resist the invitation to accompany them on such a delightful trip, but arranged to have it postponed until the middle of December. What fun we had! We stayed with Miss Elliott and Miss Adair overnight in Shokwa. We had to be up rather early to catch the 5.26 a.m. train for Arizan! But we did it. It was certainly an experience to ride on that little mountain train for seven hours; to keep going up and up, and through seventy-two tunnels in all; to stay over two nights in a Japanese inn; and to go sight-seeing on Mount Arizan at an altitude of about 9,000 feet. That trip gave me a very great appreciation of the physical beauty of this Island and also a better idea of the varied occupations and industries of the people.''

—*Mildred Weir.*

"'TIS true that outdoors did not look quite seasonable, but inside the Christmas atmosphere was everywhere evident, even in non-Christian surroundings; in commercial places, for example, some notice was taken of it. The Japanese New Year is very important and some of the larger stores seemed to be trying to get so-called Christmas trade combined with their New Year's stock. I am sure there were not enough 'foreigners' to buy all the Christmassy things they displayed.

"Among the Christians the *real* spirit of Christmas was surely present. In all the Churches and at the Leper Colony there were concerts—sometimes different organizations in one Church each gave a concert. These were truly *Christian* concerts, too. You should see how Formosan people can dramatize Biblical stories! They just love to act.

"At the Hospital the 'Tree' was meant particularly for the children's ward, but it was placed in the upper corridor overlooking the main court so that it could be seen from all the wards. There were cards and an orange for every patient and the few children each received some toys. When making 'rounds' at night we see these kiddies sound asleep with dolls in their arms, or with the boxes of games safely reposing beside them in the cots—real treasures from the Christmas tree. Just at dusk on Christmas Eve, Miss Ramsay and Miss Heighton sang carols in English in all the wards and, of course, there were the regular services conducted by the native pastor, the Bible woman and the nurses. It was especially interesting to the new 'foreign' nurse to attend the Hospital staff's morning service. This was conducted by Dr. Gushue-Taylor and all members of the staff, from the laundresses and coolies to the native doctors, were present and several took part in the service.

"What hustle and bustle around our house the day before! It was very amusing to us two (R. Heighton and me), because half the time we had to guess what was being said, and occasionally we were alone and had to employ sign language with varying results. Sometimes people were being admitted at several doors of the establishment at the same time. Coolies were coming and going with parcels and odd things for the festivities in the different houses; the mailman was waiting for a signature; the carpenter arrived with a new bed; Miss Hermanson had numerous sundry things to attend to at the Hospital and in between times was trying to direct us 'new ones' at extra jobs; Miss Ramsay was making candy to fill boxes, as well as generally trying to get everything done; Miss Heighton and I were just trying to do what we could and not get in the way unduly. Occasionally we had to seek help even with our lesser jobs, especially when as we were decorating the tree the front door opened and in walked an old Formosan lady with a bunch of bananas and a little woven basket of oranges. Her rapid flow of Chinese was lost on us, but we could easily tell from the gestures that it was a gift to us. We tried to get her to sit down for a minute while we sought some one who knew her. We used our very best sign language, even sitting on several chairs ourselves in a seemingly vain effort to detain her! At last in desperation we both shouted for Miss Ramsay, 'Do come here, even if the candy boils over!' And she did come in time to express our gratitude to this kind old lady who could really ill-afford her gift. That is a problem with which we have to deal—gracefully declining gifts without hurting the feelings of those who cannot afford to be giving. Oranges and bananas, however, are not expensive and we had a little parcel of food on its way to her, anyway.

''We nurses were up early to attend the staff service at seven. Then followed a hurried round of the wards and last-minute attention to hospital affairs before we could return to our own Christmas breakfast. Miss Ramsay and Miss Heighton were waiting for us to take the servants and our 'woman's' children in to receive their gifts from the tree. We enjoyed the delight of the two little boys over a new mouth-organ and top and stockings for the baby. When Mama tried to make the four-year-old bow his thanks, he did it backwards—that is, he turned his back on us and made his 'bow'.

''After an hour's drive through gentle rain, we arrived at the College in Tamsui for our foreign Christmas service. It did seem good to worship once more where the whole service was in English. All the ladies from our house were invited to Mr. ———'s for a real Christmas dinner, just such as you have at home. The rest of the day we had a jolly time together. So, in spite of dull skies, pouring rain, and rather unseasonable-looking surroundings, my first Christmas in Formosa was a very happy one.'' —*Mildred F. Weir.*

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Amkhut, India.

''OF the six children added to our number, all have one or both parents. Roshan and Kisan were brought to us early in the year. Each has both parents, but they were not wanted in their homes. Miriam, who is just past two years, was brought to us in September. Her father died early in the year in Jobat Hospital, so the little deaf and dumb mother had to work. She found it difficult to look after Miriam and work at the same time. Therefore, she brought the little girl to the Babies' Home. Angelina, our youngest baby, who is now nearly ten months old, came in October. The father and mother were both school teachers here in Amkhut. The mother has died and the father is away taking a teachers' training course. The day after Christmas Piyari and Yari, who are sisters, were brought by relatives. Yari is three years of age. Piyari, who is past eight years of age, was with us only a short time before going to the girls' boarding school.''

—*Iris Errey.*

Amkhut, India.

"AFTER the holidays we sent out a young man to Dhamtari for teacher training. Seuleman had taught for us for a year and we thought he was worthy of training. So at the beginning of July he and his wife Ditali with their little three-months-old baby started off from here on the first lap of their long journey to Dhamtari. All went well for some months and we had happy and hopeful letters from them. Then one night about the middle of October we received two telegrams; they had been sent two days apart, but for some reason were delivered here at the same time. The first one told us that Ditali was very sick, the second that she was dead. Needless to say, we were very much shocked and sorry, and our hearts went out to poor Seuleman and his little motherless baby away off there in a strange land with no one of their own to comfort them. We wired advising Seuleman to make arrangements there for the baby until such time as he could bring her home. He came along with her about two weeks later. She looked a fine healthy little girl, but he was thoroughly tired out and downcast. As neither his people nor the mother's people felt able to take the baby, she is with Miss Errey in the Babies' Home. After about a week at home Seuleman felt rested and ready to go back to Dhamtari to finish his course. He is still there, but will be through in April and we expect him to come home to us then, equipped and ready to serve his own people in his chosen profession.

"The last week in September and the first week in October we had our Corn Eating Holiday. That is one holiday that we do not have in Canada. When the ears of corn are ready for roasting the people like to go off to their homes to eat corn with their friends and relatives. The children are ready for a holiday anyway after going to school through all the long dark days of the rainy season. We give them two weeks and they all go off to eat corn to their hearts' content."

—*Mary Sherrick.*

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Jobat, India.

"IT was with joy that my work in the hospital was taken up at the beginning of 1935. During the first few months we were exceptionally busy, especially as we were understaffed. The two Indian nurses who had been with us had to leave on account of home duties. Miss MacMurchy and I were kept very busy nursing the patients. There were many sick babies, patients suffering from pneumonia and other serious illnesses which needed nursing care. Our one regret was that we had so little time for the evangelistic work which we so longed to do. Although we cannot record large numbers coming out and confessing Christ, we rejoice that the seed has been sown. The results we can leave in the great Husbandman's hands.

Not only were we busy in the hospital, but with the building programme which entailed much supervision, book-keeping, attending classes, etc., there was not much time wasted. As I did not want to leave the Station without a missionary while the building was going on, and we wanted the work completed as soon as possible, it was my privilege to remain on the Plains during the hot weather. We were busy all the time and did not have time to think about the heat. Most of the hospital staff left for their vacation in May, leaving one compounder with me for that month. We had twenty patients. Between setting broken bones, helping new babies into the world, and numerous other duties, my time was well spent. We had seven new babies during the month, including one pair of twins. It gave me much satisfaction to be able to go to Amkhut to minister to Mrs. Buchanan in those last days she was permitted to be with us. I began to see one of the reasons why I was held back from going to the Hills at that time. The beautiful lessons then learned will remain with me. I learned as never before the meaning of the words, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' When the time came for me to go for my vacation I was ready to go. The two months spent on the hilltop brought much blessing to me in every way.

''One of the discouraging features of the work is to see patients come to us when it is too late to do anything for them. On Christmas Eve Kulsom-bai was admitted to the Maternity Ward. She looked very ill indeed, a typical heart, anæmic patient—one sees them so frequently among Mohammedan women. She had had ten children and only one was alive. Looking at her, we wondered if she would have the strength to go through her confinement. Her baby was born, but we did not hold out any hope for it from the beginning. It lived three days. The little mother was very sad, but she was too ill to take much notice of what was going on around her. She was moved to the General Hospital where we worked over her for days trying to build her up. It was all in vain; after ten days she, too, passed away. The remark her husband made to me was, 'If I had brought her sooner, you might have saved her.'

''Saraswati-bai was another little woman of the same type as Kulsom-bai, except that there was not the heart complication. For weeks she had fever day after day. She was admitted to hospital in October. For a few days before her delivery she ran a temperature of 103°. I told the nurse to have the tray of stimulants on hand, as I did not know what might happen. When called to the hospital it was not in my own strength I went, as I knew the seriousness of the case. I stayed with Saraswati-bai for some hours before her baby came. She was given special strength as she needed it, and at last her baby was born. It was very weak and had to be resuscitated for some time. We were so very thankful that the little mother was alive, the baby did not have all the attention. The parents were given no hope at all for the little one, but we were determined to keep it alive if we could. Our labour of love was soon rewarded and the baby began to gain. Five weeks from the birth of the child, mother and baby were discharged in fairly good condition. The baby continues to gain. We feel that this mother and baby were saved because of previous treatment in hospital. How very happy the parents are, as this is the first living child out of five!" *—Isabel McConnell.*

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Jobat, India.

"IN January, and again in October and November, I was out in camp with some of our Indian workers. Miss Douglas, too, was out in January, and we had a time of much blessing together. It was surprising to find the number of people who had never before heard of Jesus. We went to Baleri, Pipriya Pani, Akhara, Jhaba, Karegda, Kandalai, and Kanwara. In the majority of these places we were urged to return next year. How fine it would be if we could return monthly instead of yearly! An old lady in Kandalai offered us an anna (two cents) after we had spoken to a group near her house. When we explained that we did not take money for telling the 'Good News,' she said, 'But a Sadhu who came around some time ago wanted money.' We tried to tell her of the difference between a Hindu Sadhu and us.

"Before it was cool enough to go out in camp Mina-bai and I visited a number of houses near Jobat, while Yamuna-bai went with me to homes in Jobat village. The Hindu and Mohammedan women do not receive the Bhil women very graciously, so that we were glad that Yamuna-bai, who was formerly a nurse in the hospital, consented to do the work of a Bible woman." *—Bessie M. MacMurchy.*

Group of School Children, Jobat, India.

Jobat, India.

"IN January permission came from home to purchase a car for the work of supervising village primary schools. Early in February Miss Sherrick and I, with a driver, Daniel, set off for Bombay to bring home the new car. It was an adventure with a thrill, but perhaps the most thrilled was Daniel, a Bhil boy just out of the jungle long enough to have taken training in motor mechanics. How eagerly he looked at all the new cars, and how lovingly and thoroughly he washed the shining new Ford when it had scarcely had time to get dusty! The greatest joy of all, though, came when the regular, systematic visitation of the schools was begun. Trips on horseback, with lunch, water bottle and books tied to the saddle, were no longer necessary, as definite visits could be planned and roads prepared."

—Ellen I. Douglas.

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Brownvale, Alberta.

"BROWNVALE and Blue Hawk Ladies' Aid Societies (associated with the W.M.S.) are still carrying on, and two months ago we started another society in Last Lake. The latter women are delighted with the idea of being associated with the W.M.S., as they, even more than these other groups, feel somewhat cut off from the outside world. They would have liked to organize as a Missionary Auxiliary entirely, but they want to help with the work of the Church in the community and they really could not keep two separate societies going financially. Only one or two of these women ever handle a cent of real cash, as their crops have merely provided them with feed for what stock they have, and most of them are getting relief. What money the Society makes will be through knitting and selling mitts, socks, etc., which we hope to sell to the bachelors and others around who can afford to buy what they need. But, as I try to impress upon the women, it is not because of what money we may make that we meet; it is that we may get away for a little while from the cares of the home and have uplifting fellowship with one another, learning more of our Lord and something of what others are doing. Part of the Constitution for the Last Lake Society reads: 'No gossiping during meetings' and 'No questionable means to be used to raise money for this Society'."

—Mary Todd.

Winnipeg, Man.

''IN the fall I enjoyed the work of helping out at East Selkirk and Gonor, where for six weeks I took the Church services and Sunday Schools. At Gonor, especially, there is a worth-while work and much enthusiasm. There is a splendid opportunity for work with the girls and young people. All the members of the Sunday School, from the youngest to the oldest, took an active part in the Christmas programme. An interesting part of that work was opening up the lovely bales. Everything was wrapped and labelled, which made our part of the work so easy. The children were all delighted with their gifts.

''At the T.B. Sanatorium one's courage almost fails. There is the small boy with no family to care about him, who knows he has not long to stay, and the twenty-third Psalm gives him the courage to take the last step in 'quietness and confidence.' A young man from Sweden, who used to be a Christian, has time to read now, but 'if students can't agree, those who have time to make a real study, how can I believe?' He didn't see anything in Christian Canada to confirm the faith that he had when he left his home in Sweden. He had been in a mining camp and hadn't been in touch with our Churches. It makes one realize how great is our responsibility.

''In between other work the time is spent in taking children to or from the hospital,—Evelyn, a nine-year-old, going to the hospital for an operation on a foot left crippled by infantile paralysis; another youngster coming from the hospital after a tonsil operation. A car makes it possible for them to come home in safety, and mothers, at home with small babies, are glad to know that the children are being cared for. Another mother says, 'I don't know what you said to my girl, but she doesn't talk about quitting school any more.' And now and then there are quite serious talks with girls who are worried about a mother's lack of faith.''

—Hazel M. Macdonald.

YOUNG WOMEN

BRITISH COLUMBIA

THE following ideas were suggested by the Programme Committee of ''Gordon'' Young Women's Auxiliary, New Westminster, at their January meeting. The first is an effort to increase their knowledge of our fields and our missionaries. The second is to help the young women overcome their diffidence in leading in prayer.

Roll Call

The Auxiliary Secretary prepared a roll, using the names of our missionaries. To each member of the Auxiliary she gave one of these names, and to it the member responded when the roll was called at the meetings. She told where the missionary was working, the date of her appointment, and the nature of her work.

The plan is to respond to the same name for a few meetings, adding at each meeting a little to the first information, until the member feels she is well acquainted with that particular missionary. Then she is given another name. By this plan it is hoped the members will gain an unforgettable knowledge of our fields and missionaries.

Sentence Prayers

One member has charge of the devotional exercises for the meeting. She decides on a theme and makes it known to two or three other members. These she invites to take part by offering short or sentence prayers during the devotional period, in line with the chosen theme. At the next meeting the devotional period is in charge of another member, who invites others to take part. It is hoped that by following this plan for a time, leading in prayer may become an easy and natural thing.

—Mrs. R. J. Douglas, Provincial Young Women's Secretary.

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The ''Edith Coulter'' Auxiliary, Neepawa, pass on the plan they are using this year with very beneficial results.

Group System

In addition to the President, four Vice-Presidents are appointed, and the Auxiliary is divided into two groups with two Vice-Presidents in each group. The groups take alternate meetings, the Vice-Presidents being responsible for the programme. The idea of having two groups is to create a certain amount of competition, both in the matter of the programme for each meeting and increasing membership.

We meet once a month, and in addition to our regular meeting each group holds a work meeting, at which besides a good deal of work done for our bale some lively discussions take place in reference to material for the programme for which that group is responsible. In this way we get to know one another better and the members' abilities as leaders. Sometimes at our work meeting we have only five or six members, but we usually come home with some new ideas for the advancement of the work of our Auxiliary and the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom.

Often a member attending the regular monthly meeting will take no part in the discussion or the programme, but that same member when attending a work meeting, sewing and chatting, will make a very helpful suggestion or take part in a discussion. In this way the individual member's interest in the Auxiliary grows, and naturally if you are specially interested in some organization, you discuss it with your friends, with the result that others will become interested and the membership increased. Often, too, the programme of the previous meeting is discussed and by that discussion some one will have a new thought or better understanding of a certain paper or talk that was given at it.

—Mrs. G. Blake, Provincial Young Women's Secretary.

QUEBEC

It has been found that if the young women are to derive the greatest benefit from their connection, every member must have a share and personal responsibility in regard to the meeting. In other words, ''Every member with something to do is every member interested.'' The President must be a leader in the true sense of the word. She must keep a firm hand on all proceedings and see to it that all members have the opportunity of doing their full share in the work.

A Tour Round the World

Have you ever been around the world with our W.M.S.? Well, the ''Mary Sherrick'' Auxiliary, Kensington Church, Montreal, have, and this is how it came about.

The Presbyterial President addressed our Auxiliary one evening, giving us a comprehensive outline of the work carried on by our Society throughout the world, vividly describing each part as she visited it. From this talk came the wish to portray on paper what had been illustrated by word picture. At first the task seemed gigantic, but that old maxim, ''Many hands make light work,'' proved true once more.

A large parchment was obtained, the main outline traced, and the different countries named and painted. Then the mission fields were located, marked and numbered. Each member was given a certain field to look up, and she found out the names of the missionaries there, dividing those sent out by the Church from those sent by our Society. All this information was then tabulated in the lower margin of the map, under the corresponding names and numbers described above. In the Canadian section, the hospitals, schools and residences were listed, and the names of all those in charge of this work indicated, as well as the names of the various Deaconesses. Fortunately on a map of this size, all this information was quite easily displayed.

Later the completed map was framed and is now hanging in the Ladies' Parlour of our Church, where it is used to good advantage by both the Senior Auxiliary and our own. Now at each of our meetings we can take an imaginary tour around the world. Wouldn't you like to do this, too?

—Miss B. Dougherty, Provincial Young Women's Secretary.

The young women will regret to learn that ill-health has necessitated the granting of several months' sick-leave to Miss Laura K. Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary. We hope that complete rest and freedom from responsibility under Florida's sunny skies will speedily effect the restoration of her health. And we pray that she may soon return to her work, through which she has contributed so much in the building up of the Young Women's Department and the Society.

Miss Dougherty has forwarded an outline of how one group of 22 members in Quebec has worked out the plan of giving every member something to do at each meeting. We are sorry that the account is too long to appear on the Page, but any group interested in using this method may obtain the details by asking for them.

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

ONCE upon a time there was a Secretary who was always thinking of interesting things for girls and leaders to do. She knew when the wild flowers were opening their petals to the warm rays of the sun that groups of 'teen-age girls would want to plan an ''Over the Hills and Far Away Treasure Hunt'', if they knew about it. She was sure that after the Hunt some groups would like to watch the nightly pageant across the vault of heaven, if only they knew where to get one-cent Star Maps. Then, in the stillness of the evening before leaving the camp fire, they might listen to those familiar words, ''In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form . . .'' (Genesis I:). With joy and gratitude they could sing ''The spacious firmament on high'', feeling the touch of the Creator in all things round about them. But, strange to say, with all these lovely things in her mind, the Secretary was very unhappy. Of course, there were times that she smiled when a group would write her about interesting projects they had worked out and others would tell about the articles almost finished for the Supply Contest.

One of her very best friends, who was quite worried about her, decided to find out what was wrong. Sometimes it takes a lot of courage to ask a question of one with a frown on her face, but the friend was very brave and said, ''My dear, something must be terribly wrong to make you so unhappy. Is there anything I can do to help?''

The Secretary looked up quickly and said, ''Something is terribly wrong. I have so many things I want to tell to leaders and girls, but, will you believe it, they won't let me.''

''You mean,'' said the friend, ''the leaders and girls will not read what you write?''

''No, no,'' replied the Secretary. ''I mean I can't send them all letters because they forget to register each year, which means I haven't a complete mailing list.''

''Well, my dear, let us put our heads together and perhaps we can think of a plan to help them remember.'' But they have not thought of one yet.

If you have not registered your group will you please send the card to-day to Room 701, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont.

It is time to hunt out a box and begin packing those ten different articles for the Supply Contest. Make inquiries as to the cheapest way to send them (post or express) and start them on their way. After being judged, the articles will be sent to our mission fields, W.M.S. hospitals and school residences. Think of the happy times they are going to have when they get them!

For your convenience, we are re-printing the rules:

1. Each entry shall consist of ten different articles, the work of the various members of the group.

2. Each collection of articles will be judged for the neatness of the work, its usefulness in hospitals, deaconess work, etc., originality in patterns, and ingenuity in the use of inexpensive material.

3. The contest falls in two divisions—Intermediate (12–14 years), and Senior (15–18 years). One prize will be awarded in each division.

4. Each collection must be marked with the name of the group, the leader, church, and town or city, and sent to the Girls' Work Secretary, Room 701, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, before April 15th, 1936. Each entry should be marked ''Intermediate'' or ''Senior''.

—*Doris Winchester.*

MISSION BANDS

MISSION Banders in all parts of our Dominion sorrowed in the death of our beloved King George V. To the children of his Empire he was not only their sovereign, but also their friend. When he spoke to his Empire on Christmas Day, 1934, he gave a very special message to the girls and boys: he asked them to prepare themselves so that when they grew up they would be ready and proud to give to the service of their Empire their work, their minds and their hearts. Mission Banders, I am sure, will try to fulfil this wish of King George and follow the example of one who himself gave so generously of his work, his mind, and his heart to the service of the Empire.

To King Edward VIII the Mission Banders of Canada pledge their loyalty and allegiance. Let us prepare ourselves so that in the years to come we may give worthy service to our King and Empire, endeavouring always to uphold freedom and justice and striving to establish God's Kingdom of peace and brotherhood in all parts of the world.

EASTER

ONCE upon a time there was a little brown bulb. It was a very unhappy little bulb because it had been for a long time lying in a bin at the florist's, wishing that some day it would have a chance to grow. It was lonely, too, for when all the other bulbs had been sold, it had been forgotten.

One morning when cleaning out his bins, the florist found the lonely little bulb. He was just going to throw it away, when the little boy who lived next door came into the store. ''Here, Billy,'' said the florist, ''you can have this bulb, if you want it.'' Billy was delighted, for he loved flowers. He took the bulb home, planted it in a pot of soft, moist earth, and put it in the dark cellar.

How happy the little bulb was! At last it would have a chance to grow! For several weeks it lay in the moist earth with its heart full of joy and happiness, thinking of the days when it would grow to be a lovely fragrant flower. After some time it felt that it was swelling and growing. It pushed long roots down into the earth and began to stretch its arms up towards the light. One day when Billy came to water it he saw a little green shoot just peeping through the earth. He carried the bulb upstairs. ''Look, mother!'' he called. ''My bulb is really growing; it is alive!''

Those were very happy days for the bulb. Every morning before he went to school Billy watered it and placed it in the sunniest window.

The bulb drank in the water and the sunshine and tried its best to grow straight and strong. Every day the family looked to see how much it had grown, for they all hoped it would bloom for Easter. The bulb did not disappoint them. Easter morning it had three lovely white lilies! Everyone was so happy! Nobody called it a bulb now; everyone spoke of it as their beautiful lily. They all seemed to have forgotten that their lovely plant had once been a little brown bulb. Billy didn't forget. He always remembered that from that little brown bulb that looked so dead his lovely fragrant Easter lily had grown.

—B. K. R.

Lilies abloom
And in my heart no room
    Except for thoughts of Him
    Who conquered death.—Takomoto San, leper poet.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

EDMONTON P.S.—In spite of extremely cold weather, an enthusiastic band of women from country and city churches gathered in First Church, Edmonton, on February 4th for the twenty-second annual meeting of the Presbyterial. Mrs. H. Sykes presided at the morning and afternoon sessions.

The Secretaries' reports gave a comprehensive review of the year's work. The Treasurer reported $1,400 sent to the Provincial Treasurer, and Christmas boxes, clothing and books given by the Supply Department. Mrs. Browning, Supply Secretary, reported distribution of goods worth over $300; Mrs. T. Buckham, an increase in *Glad Tidings* subscriptions; Mrs. R. C. Chambers, Library Secretary, the sending out of over 1,500 pounds of reading matter, including magazines, Bibles and hymn books; Mrs. J. Adam, 439 visits by the Welcome and Welfare Department; and Mrs. G. W. Scott, Literature Secretary, sales amounting to over $65. Mrs. A. K. Southam, Y.W. and Girls' Secretary, paid tribute to the excellent work accomplished by the sixteen members of the Y.W.A. of First Church.

Rev. G. L. Collins, of Strathcona Church, gave an inspiring address on ''The Call of the Frontier Fields in Canada'', one whose urgency the missionary dare not fail to answer in 1936. He felt that while foreign missions were essential and worthy there was vast opportunity for constructive work at home.

The evening session was in charge of the young people, with Mrs. Southam presiding. Miss Christine Browning's report of the Student Christian Movement Conference in Indianapolis was heard with keen interest. Musical numbers were given by the young people and the Rupert Street girls, and a sketch, ''The Triumph of Faith'', was given by the Westmount girls.

Macleod P.S.—At a recent meeting of St. John's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, Life Membership certificates were presented to Mrs. H. Lucking and Miss Jessie MacDonald and a Life Membership pin to the President, Mrs. M. S. Blackburn. In submitting their annual reports for 1935, the Secretaries expressed gratitude that the Auxiliary had been led through the year to such a successful conclusion.

Red Deer P.S.—The Rocky Mountain House Auxiliary reports a keen interest in the W.M.S. work. Although the membership is lessened by the removal of two of their workers for the winter months and the serious illness of the Secretary, Mrs. McArthur, yet they are faithfully carrying on. The meetings are interesting and helpful, ''McQueen of Edmonton'' being used as the regular reading book and sewing also done. A beautiful quilt is almost completed. This Auxiliary arranged to join with the Nazarene and English Churches in observing the World Day of Prayer.

Calgary P.S.—At the January meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, despite the fact that it was below-zero weather, a large number were present and listened with keen interest to Rev. A. Bright's helpful and encouraging address on ''Christian Missions''. The speaker emphasized the thought that our objective as a Society should always be to bring the Kingdom of God into the lives of all men. Letters from Miss Alma Burdick of Formosa and Rev. Charles and Mrs. Young of India expressed their appreciation of the kindness extended to them and the interest the Auxiliary has shown in their work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S.—The twenty-second annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, on February 11th. All departments reported progress, the Treasurer's report showing a substantial increase in givings. Mrs. D. A. Fowlie succeeds Mrs. McPherson as President. The guest speaker was Mrs. Alan McIntosh of Central Africa. The evening session was devoted to young people's work, an address being given by Miss Phyllis Shaw. Miss Beatrice Rollo described her journey to Formosa and gave impressions of four months' residence there.

Victoria P.S.—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held on January 14th and 15th in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria. At the evening meeting on the 14th Rev. Mr. McIntosh, missionary in Central Africa, gave a stirring address on mission work in that field and appealed for the prayers of the women. Reports were received from all departments and Auxiliaries, most of them very gratifying. In some cases the allocation had been met. A very successful luncheon was held at the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. McKinnon, formerly of Cranbrook, now residing in Victoria, was elected President. Mrs. A. G. McDonald installed the officers. We feel that God has been with us and pray for His richest blessing on our work, that we may be led to greater things this year.

On January 17th at the home of Mrs. Fuller, Victoria, a meeting was held to organize a Junior Auxiliary of the W.M.S. Eight girls became members with Miss Ethel Wilson as President. This is a new organization in our Church and we feel it will reach the young girls between the Mission Band age and the Young Women's Auxiliary.

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MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG STREET, WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON P.S.—In honour of Mrs. M. G. Abey, the Mission Band of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, has taken the name ''The Elizabeth L. Abey'' Mission Band. At their Thank-offering meeting Miss Jean Duncan presided, and a programme was given by members of the Band. Rev. J. F. Wedderburn gave a brief but very interesting message. Seals and Certificates were presented by Mrs. J. F. Leslie: Junior certificates and pins to Isobel Oliver and Peggy Anderson, second year blue seals to Betty Wedderburn and Anna McLeod, a third year silver seal to Josephine Bedford, a fourth year gold seal to Margaret Taylor, Life Membership certificates to Barbara Edworthy and Margaret Oliver, and gold W.M.S. Life Membership pins to Kate and Jean Duncan.

The prayer service as outlined in the *Glad Tidings* was followed at the January meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Brandon. Mrs. E. C. Tatton presided and Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn conducted the devotional exercises.

Winnipeg Presbyterial held a Women's Day of Prayer on January 31st, Mrs. Geo. Leckie presiding. Rev. Gordon MacLean, Rev. D. Johnstone, Mrs. F. O. Gemmell, Miss Hazel Macdonald and members of each Auxiliary in the Presbyterial took part in the service, the latter offering prayers for Church, Young People, National Missions, Overseas Missions and Missionaries and W.M.S. Rev. Gordon MacLean addressed the meeting on ''Prayer''.

The Mission Band of Calvin Church, Weston, under the direction of its leader, Mrs. W. S. Smith, held a Japanese tea on January 17th in aid of the allocation, the girls wearing Japanese costumes. Choruses and a short play, ''Why work for Missions'', were given by the Band. Miss Hazel Macdonald, deaconess, showed slides of Japan which were much appreciated. Twenty certificates and pins were presented to members of the Mission Band by Mrs. Leckie, Presbyterial President, who was pleased to see so many boys among the members.

Superior P.S.—The annual executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Port Arthur on February 25th. Encouraging reports of the year's work were received from all departments.

At the January meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Port Arthur, Rev. J. A. McMahon spoke on ''The Source of Our Strength—the Study of God's Word and the Practice of Prayer.'' In searching the records of the Christian Church, one found that men and women of power had always been men and women of prayer. ''Watch and pray'' was the plea of our Lord, he said in conclusion. At this meeting memberships were renewed and new members welcomed. Mrs. McMahon reported that the ''Janet E. Smellie'' Boys' Mission Band had been awarded the banner presented by Superior Presbyterial for the highest giving per member in the Presbytery during the year. The ''McKay'' Girls' Mission Band won the banner for the highest average attendance.

Mrs. J. A. McMahon addressed a recent meeting of the ''McKay'' Girls' Mission Band. A Junior Membership Certificate and pin were presented to Frances Pascoe.

ONTARIO

Mrs. J. R. Sanderson, 166 Hammersmith Ave., Toronto, Press Secretary

Provincial Annual Meeting

KNOX Church, Ottawa, April 21, 22, 23.

Discussion and more discussion is to be the key-note of the meeting this year. Come and bring your problem with you.

Railway Information

Going tickets and certificates will be issued from April 16th; return journey up to and including April 26th. Delegates must buy single first-class tickets, asking at time of purchase for standard certificate. Members of the Board (including Presbyterial Presidents) wishing their railway tickets in advance, please write to the Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, 209 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, not later than April 15th, stating by which line they wish to travel and date of leaving.

Auxiliaries far and wide have paid silent tribute to the memory of our late King, George V, and declared their fealty to King Edward VIII.

The *Glad Tidings* Memorial Drive is still on—Ontario's objective 20,000. This means renewal of all 1935 subscriptions and half as many more. Figures to date show that out of 527 Auxiliaries 192 are still 824 subscriptions short of last year; 335 Auxiliaries have exceeded last year by 1,603; 80 Auxiliaries reached the 44 per cent. increase asked for; net increase only 751. Auxiliary Presidents and *Glad Tidings* Secretaries, get together, check up, make definite plans for increasing subscriptions. Let Ontario's tribute to Miss Fraser be a worth-while one.

For Easter Thank-offerings: Inspirational message, ''Meditation for Holy Week'', by Miss M. Allan, Deaconess, Hamilton, free from Exchange Secretary. Save expense and speakers by using Exchange Department more.

For the first time news comes from our W.M.S. family at Chatsworth, Bruce and Owen Sound P.S. Though few, they are all busy. They celebrated the Provincial birthday, having as guests St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Owen Sound. Miss Gilchrist outlined the history of the Society, Mrs. Galbraith giving reminiscences of the Auxiliary and remembering members who have passed on. Rev. M. E. R. Boudreau gave the address. A birthday cake, made by Mrs. Cameron and cut by Mrs. Airth, the oldest member, was served at the tea hour. Many interesting programmes were enjoyed throughout the year which was the best financially since 1925.

Glen Gordon Auxiliary, Glengarry P.S., presented a tangible tribute of appreciation to Miss Mary Fraser, a member of the Auxiliary for fifty-one years, during which time she has presented five Life Memberships and two In Memoriams. She has for many years been their Temperance Herald.

Mrs. Wm. Watson, Duart Auxiliary, Chatham P.S., has relinquished her office as Treasurer, held for the past thirty-seven years, and is now Honorary President. Mrs. P. R. McGugan, a member for twenty-one years, was presented with a Life Membership. The Senior Auxiliary, Leamington, sponsored a meeting at the Essex County Home, assisted by musical artists. A member of the Home sang a solo.

''Increase'' was the dominant note of the annual meeting of Guelph Presbyterial in Knox Church, Guelph. While King Winter in an ugly mood retarded attendance, it was like the sunny south inside. Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, D.D., brought greetings from Presbytery. Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, remarked on the growth, zeal and interest in the Presbyterial, and its optimism and encouragement for the coming year. The allocation was met.

St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was the setting for the Lindsay Presbyterial annual meeting. All Secretaries submitted encouraging reports and givings had increased. Fenelon Falls Mission Band won the prize, a portrait of Dr. Margaret O'Hara. Mrs. W. J. McCullough, Toronto, was the speaker. Regret was expressed at the retirement of Miss Gould, President for eight years. Mrs. G. A. Lucas, Lindsay, is the new President.

The annual meeting of Toronto Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, Toronto. Encouraging reports and inspiring addresses were features of the sessions. Over 800 registered. The speakers were Mrs. A. E. Toombs, India; Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Council President; Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Toronto; Mrs. John Williams, Provincial Executive; Mrs. R. Moynan, Hamilton, and Miss Madge Kilgour. Short messages were given by Miss Storrie and Miss Slater on the Quadrennial Student Volunteer Conference, Rev. J. Goforth, D.D., Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. E. Foreman, Moderator of Presbytery and Rev. R. C. McDermid, of St. Paul's. Banner Mission Bands were Dovercourt, Royce Avenue, Davenport, Beaches, Oakville, Brampton, Maple, Willowdale, Agincourt and West Hill. Mrs. A. C. Stewart is the new President. Mrs. V. A. Smith, the retiring President, in her address spoke on ''The Woman with Far Horizons''. Mrs. Donald Hendry, on behalf of the Executive, presented Mrs. Smith with lovely spring flowers. A musical selection by the Ukrainian girls and a worship period by the Hungarian girls were much appreciated.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 128 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

The Young Women's Rally in Knox Crescent Church, which was largely attended, heard most encouraging reports from Miss Margaret Macnaughton and Miss Edna Smaill, and received official greetings from Mrs. McLennan and Miss Cameron. Miss Jean Ferguson reviewed two outstanding books in the literature department. Rev. David Scott extended a welcome. The principal address was given by Mrs. Toombs who detailed her daily duties in connection with the dispensary at Barwani, and revealed missionary effort in India as promising much for the future.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA P.S.—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, held its regular meeting on February 25th. Mrs. Jos. Tanner presided. Mrs. J. A. Sinclair took as her topic for the Bible Study ''Paul the Roman and Paul the Pharisee''. Mrs. G. D. Ralston gave a challenging and thought-provoking talk on the ''Modern Mood and Communism''.

Saskatoon P.S.—The Presbyterial executive met in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, on January 27th. Very gratifying reports covering the year's work were received.

The members of the Dr. James Robertson Auxiliary were delighted when Miss Jessie M. Duthie was made a Life Member by one of their members who has always been deeply interested in all missionary activities.

Treasurer's Statement

January and February, 1936

RECEIPTS

A Friend, "Chinese Work in Toronto"	$ 160.00
Refund from Deaconess on Expense Allowance	25.00
Government grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	5,682.19
Government grant for Birtle Indian School	4,406.12
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Ontario	2,700.00
Quebec	550.00
	$13,523.31

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 748.32
Vegreville	435.00
Chinese Work in Canada	1,385.00
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	1,199.96
Birtle Indian School	1,137.26
Mistawasis Indian Day School	90.00
Government grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	5,682.19
Government grant for Birtle Indian School	4,406.12
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	150.00
New Liskeard	141.66
Saskatoon	150.00
Vegreville	441.64
Welcome and Welfare	2,589.02
Publications	1,344.94
Organization	640.00
Miscellaneous	60.00
Lantern Slides	.26
Library	34.00
Education of Chinese Girl	10.00
Deputation	151.16
Supplies	170.96
Pensions	233.32
Student	3.00
India, Bhil Field	133.00
Jhansi Field	20.00
Formosa	3,487.46
Japan	1,631.25
South China	166.66
Insurance	717.00
Exchange	10.82
Administration	779.56
	$28,149.56

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund—		
Mrs. James Arnold and Miss Meta Fraser	$100.00	
A Friend, "In Memory of the late Miss M. C. G. Fraser"	5.00	
Special Fund—		
Rent of Bungalow in Japan	60.00	
Sale of McCrea Property, Vegreville, Alta.	84.35	
Legacy Fund—		
Legacy through the Sutton West Auxiliary for the Missionary Rest Room, Jobat, India, $50.00, and the installing of the Electric Light in the Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home, Amkhut, India, $50.00	100.00	
		$349.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Sustaining Fund—	
Allowance to the Board of Missions on Missionary's expenses	$200.00

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NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Algoma P.S.—Girls' Guild, graduation from Mission Band, West Korah.

Guelph P.S.—Junior Auxiliary, Knox Church, Guelph.

Toronto P.S.—Senior Auxiliary, York Church, Toronto.

PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

British Columbia, in Vancouver, April 14, 15, 16.

Ontario, in Knox Church, Ottawa, April 21, 22, 23.

Quebec, in Montreal, April 21.

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Editorial

Council Executive Changes

WITH Mrs. Poole's resignation it was necessary for the Council Executive to find a new Secretary for the two departments of School Residences and Hospitals. The Board is now glad to announce that Mrs. W. W. Carter, who has been Library Secretary, has consented to undertake the work of the other two departments, as Secretary for School Residences and Hospitals, while Miss Margaret Keith, as the new Library Secretary, takes over the work Mrs. Carter has been doing.

Mrs. A. W. Talbot, Toronto, has been elected a member of the Council Executive. A member of the Ontario Provincial Board, for many years as Lantern Slide Secretary and recently as Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. Talbot has given abundant evidence of her ability to serve on the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society.

A New Missionary for British Guiana

ON March 31st Miss Anne M. Storey, under appointment as an evangelistic missionary in British Guiana, under the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.), was a welcome visitor to the meeting of the Council Executive. The President, on behalf of the Board, congratulated her on her appointment to service under their sister organization. The Western Division were glad to have some one to give them to send as a missionary and rejoiced that Miss Storey was going out to work with Miss Davies. The good wishes and prayers of the Society go with her to her new field. Miss Storey, thanking the Board, said that she was glad to be going to work in British Guiana, and especially glad that she was to be near Miss Davies.

A New Missionary Nurse

WITH the approval of the Presbytery of Peace River, Miss Helen Madill, of Melancthon, Ontario, has been appointed by the Council Executive as a missionary nurse to serve in the Brownvale field of the Peace River District with Miss Todd. A graduate of Kitchener General Hospital, Miss Madill took a post-graduate course in Public Health nursing at Weston Sanitarium, and has had a good deal of experience in private nursing.

She has also taken the Junior examination at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, has had experience in choir work, has taken a course in Household Economics and has been interested in Junior Women's Institute work, so that she is, indeed, well equipped to render valuable service on the field to which she has just gone.

Dr. David Lee Honoured

ALL friends of the Chinese in Canada will be interested to know of Dr. David Lee's appointment as assistant to Dr. Scrimgeour, the head of the Department of Surgery, in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. A native of China, Dr. Lee was brought up in Victoria, British Columbia. Later he returned to China and received his medical training in Canton. Since coming back to Canada, he has been taking post-graduate work in the Royal Victoria Hospital. Recently he had the honour of being chosen from among the internes to assist Dr. Scrimgeour. We would extend to him our hearty congratulations.

New Work

THE Council Executive has been glad to accede to a request that a grant be made to begin Public Health work among the Koreans in Japan. A Korean nurse, trained in Severance Hospital in Korea under Dr. Martin, is available to work under the direction of our missionaries. It is felt that there is a wonderful opportunity there and that such a worker will fill a great need.

Visitors to the Board

APRIL 7th brought several visitors to the meeting of the Council Executive. The President expressed her pleasure in introducing to the Board Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunn, who are leaving shortly for British Guiana as missionaries of our Church. Mr. Dunn, the son of Rev. Alexander Dunn, Vancouver, was one of this year's graduates from Knox College. The members of the Women's Missionary Society wish them the greatest joy and blessing in their new work in British Guiana, to which they go after visiting their home in Vancouver. Mr. Dunn thanked the Board for the cordial welcome given them, and asked for the prayerful interest of the members in their work.

The members of Council Executive were glad, too, to receive Miss Roberta Smith, who has for two years been serving as a deaconess in Vancouver under our Society. She had, she said, found her work in Vancouver very interesting, although it was a difficult field where leaders were scarce.

Another welcome visitor was Miss Ethel MacDonald, a missionary in Kobe, Japan, under the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.). After her year's furlough, Miss MacDonald, whose home is in Cape Breton, will return to her work among the Koreans in Japan. She was very glad to hear that our Society was giving a grant to establish a public health unit there. She was assured of the best wishes of our members as she goes back to her field.

Our Hymn Books in Poland

IT has been the privilege of the Library Department of the W.M.S. to grant a request which came through Rev. Michael Fesenko for hymn books, with music, to be sent to Poland. As a result of the mission work carried on by Rev. Paul Crath and a deaconess supported by our Society, people in scattered Churches there are using our hymn books.

On St. Valentine's Day the children of the Chinese kindergarten, Montreal, were delighted to receive, by mail, valentines sent to each of them by the children of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.

The Council

THE full Council meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) will be held in Calvin Presbyterian Church, DeLisle Avenue, Toronto, beginning on May 26th. On Thursday evening, May 28th, there will be a public meeting in Knox Church, Spadina Avenue.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will meet this year in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, Ontario, the first session being held on June 3rd.

New In Memoriam Certificates

THE new In Memoriam Certificates are ready, and are now being sent out to the Provincial Life Membership Secretaries. Those wishing them should apply to the Presbyterial Secretary.

The General Board of Missions

THE General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in St. Andrew's Institute, Toronto, March 17th to 20th, with Rev. James MacKay, D.D., Convener, presiding. With members present from every province of the Dominion, including representatives of the Women's Missionary Societies (E.D. and W.D.), and Synodical Missionaries, the Board spent strenuous days on the many problems of the Church's missionary work at home and abroad. It was, it was reported, one of the best meetings the Board had ever held, with a good spirit prevailing and abundance of work done.

Of great importance was the question of the future policy of the Board — whether it should continue as one Board or be divided. After much discussion it was decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, for the present, the Board of Missions continue as one General Board with two sub-executives, one for national and one for overseas missions. It was recommended, too, that the permanent appointment to the office of General Secretary of the Board of Missions, vacant since the death of Dr. A. S. Grant, should be deferred for one year, Rev. J. W. MacNamara, D.D., to continue as Acting General Secretary.

The superintendents gave remarkably fine reports, surveying the fields and work being carried on under great difficulties. Conditions in Northern Ontario showed marked improvement, Rev. W. M. Mackay reported. Seven Churches had each added a new preaching station during the year. In Manitoba ministers and people were holding on courageously in spite of the very difficult years through which they had been passing. Rev. D. J. Floyd, of Melita, reported only one self-sustaining congregation in the Presbytery, with ninety-five per cent. of the people around Melita on relief. Every Sunday he drives a hundred miles to preach in three places. There was a great field waiting for men in Northern Manitoba, where for hundreds of miles there are no churches, but where the people are ready to accept religious services. In a community near Winnipeg a Sunday School had been opened with fifty-two children, from nine to twelve years of age, not one of whom had ever heard the Lord's Prayer or had ever heard of Jesus Christ. In the same district there had been ten Communist schools. So strongly did the need there appeal to one man that he advanced the money to build a small church,—money that had since been raised and repaid. A request was received from the Christian Indians of Birdtail Reserve that Presbyterian services be resumed, and that Joe Paul be allowed to preach and carry on the work until another man could be sent to them. He would ask for no money, wishing to do it for the sake of Jesus Christ. More ministers are needed in Saskatchewan where since 1932 ten thousand families have moved to the north from the dried-out areas in the south. Gratitude was expressed for the bales sent to needy fields, but representatives were asked to stress the need of more underwear.

A most encouraging report of the response to missionary work in the East was given by Rev. James MacKay, D.D., who visited the fields a few months ago. In Formosa, Manchuria and Japan remarkable progress was being made, and new opportunities for service constantly opening up.

As an electric lighting plant is to be installed in the W.M.S. buildings at Amkhut, India, the Board of Missions decided that the other buildings of the Amkhut Mission should have electric light, too. The Board also approved of the purchase of a compound in Szepingkai, Manchuria, on which to build three bungalows, two for the Church and one for the Women's Missionary Society.

Miss Anne Storey, of Elmvale, Ontario, one of this year's graduates from the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, was presented to the Board by Mrs. A. D. Falconer, Foreign Mission Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Division. She was appointed to serve as an evangelistic missionary in British Guiana, under the Eastern Division. Another important appointment made by the Board was that of Dr. W. R. Quinn, of London, Ontario, as a medical missionary. Dr. Quinn, who has received his training in the Universities of Toronto and Western Ontario, and in Edinburgh and Vienna, is to be Superintendent of the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa. Dr. Quinn has always been deeply interested in missions, and Mrs. Quinn is President of the Auxiliary of New St. James Church, London.

The following missionaries, it was announced, are returning to Canada this year on furlough: from Formosa, Dr. and Mrs. Stevens, Taihoku, and Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Wilkie, Tamsui; from India, Dr. and Mrs. Howie and Miss Ellen Douglas, Jobat, Rev. C. L. and Mrs. Wood, Alirajpur, and Rev. A. A. Lowther, Jhansi; and from Japan, Miss Mary Anderson and Miss Gladys Murphy.

Miss Hill's Resignation

WE regret to announce that ill-health has compelled Miss O. Mary Hill, M.A., to resign her position as Girls' Work Secretary.

Miss Hill has made a splendid contribution to girls' work in Canada. In our own Church she is known by the study book ''Tales from Taiwan'', while in the wider field of interdenominational girls' work, her ''Treasure Book of Books'' and Camp Morning Watch ''Green Pastures'' are known and appreciated. We owe our profound gratitude to Miss Hill, too, for preparing the Service of Worship for Youth, which was used for the World Day of Prayer not only in Canada but also in the United States and on our mission fields. We sincerely hope that the promise of greater things ahead will be fulfilled by other books and articles from her pen, when health again permits.

We extend to Miss Hill our sincere sympathy in the illness which has interrupted, for a time, the work so well begun. Our prayers and good wishes are with her, and we trust that the near future will restore health and strength and allow a speedy return to the work she loves so well.

—*Jean Kelman.*

Anthem of the Thrush

I knelt to pray.
Through storied pane the sunshine spilled
bright pools of coloured light,
And all was still.
I knelt to pray—to ask—to beg some boon.

And then a throstle sang.
In through the open windows, loud and clear
and passing sweet,
His message came:
Do you—Do you—Do you
Give Him thanks, give Him thanks
As we do, as we do, as we do?
God! God! God! God! God!
To Thee be thanks, to Thee be thanks
For Sunshine and Spring.

I did it! I did it! I did it!
Do you do it? Do you do it?
He made you. He gave you
Sunshine and Spring.
Did you do it? Did you do it? Did you do it?
Do it! Do it! Do it!
Thank Him for everything.

I knelt to pray.
And nothing did I ask, nor boon nor gift, but
said:
''We praise Thee, O God. We acknowledge
Thee to be the Lord,
And we give thanks that Thou, to teach us
how to praise,
Hast giv'n the birds.''

—*A. E. R. H. (Life and Work).*

THE ACTED SERMON

THE next four months with Livingstone undoubtedly changed the course of Stanley's life . . . . The elder man's character, with its single-mindedness, its charity of thought and deed, and the immovable trust in his religion which raised him above all doubts, dangers, troubles and physical suffering, shone out in their long nightly talks. Gradually, Stanley came to regard Livingstone with deep admiration and affection . . . . In the silence of those African nights, he could speak frankly and freely of his innermost thoughts. The sympathy and understanding that came in return from Livingstone left an indelible mark on his mind; his own religious belief was strengthened and widened by the daily example of the practice of a beautiful and simple faith. ''He preached no sermon, by word of mouth, while I was in company with him,'' Stanley wrote, ''but each day of my companionship with him saw a sermon acted.''

—From *H. M. Stanley by Frank Hird.*

Mrs. Induk Pak

HER whole life has been a ''bundle of miracles'', says Mrs. Induk Pak, the Field Secretary of the Co-operative Committee on Work Among Rural Women, Seoul, Korea, and former travelling secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement. In several addresses delivered in Toronto in March she told of the growth of the Korean Church, of the work being carried on to improve spiritual, social, educational and economic conditions in her country, especially among women—a work to which she is devoting her life—and, by no means least important, of that life itself of which she feels compelled to speak as a testimony of what God has done for her. Very simply did Mrs. Pak tell the amazing story, but so radiant was her face as she spoke that one felt that here truly was a woman who was living close to God, with His love and peace about and within her.

The coming of Christian missions to Korea fifty-one years ago, at a time of great political and social confusion, brought hope to that small but geographically important part of the Far East. The Korean people interpreted literally the saying, ''The Kingdom of God is within you,'' and this realization that they must find it within themselves changed their thinking. It is natural, then, that the Korean Church has become an indigenous Church. As Mrs. Pak said: ''It is *ours*; before, as a mission Church, it was *yours.*'' It has become self-supporting, for, in their poverty, the people determined to help themselves, so that now ninety-three per cent. of the money needed comes from the Koreans themselves, and only seven per cent. from other countries. It has, moreover, become a missionary Church, one of the ''sending'' Churches. Missionaries are sent to Manchuria and to Japan, to work among the Koreans there, while pennies collected in mite boxes provide for the maintenance of two Indian girls in a Lucknow school. Their Church, Mrs. Pak emphasized, is decidedly a Church of prayer, and the members earnestly study the Bible, memorize it, and meditate on the Word of God.

The daughter of a classical scholar, Mrs. Pak is one of the most highly educated, intelligent women of the Orient, a leader especially in work among women. When her father and her only brother died of cholera when she was six years old, her mother, although believing with her people in woman's intellectual inferiority to man, was reluctant to elect a male relative as head of the family. She, therefore, gladly accepted the suggestion of a Christian missionary that she be independent, educating herself and her daughter to manage their own affairs. She became a Christian, and determined to learn herself and teach her daughter. Moving to a village where there was a boys' school, she dressed the child as a boy, gave her a boy's name, and took her to school. There, with fifty boys, the little girl played and worked for two years, proving that a girl can learn as well as a boy—"if not better," added Mrs. Pak with a mischievous smile. When a mission school for girls was opened in a neighbouring town she attended it. Later she presented herself at the Girls' High School in Seoul, with ninety cents to pay for her education. So evident, however, was her desire and ability to learn that the missionaries accepted her, and for seven years a blind gentleman in the United States sent five dollars a month to educate her.

Seventeen years ago, during the Independence Movement in Korea, she was arrested, and, as a political prisoner, spent six months in solitary confinement. She prayed for a Bible, and a miracle happened—after a month one was put into her cell. During the next five months she read the New Testament seven times and the Old Testament twice. Since then she has been conscious, as never before, of the reality of Christ. She has had many trials, has been often thrown down, she said, but always she has been raised by the power of God.

After being in America—and she is a graduate of two American colleges—she saw the situation of women in a fresh light. She could not, she said, live in the twentieth century while all other women in Korea were still living in the sixteenth. She must take them out; all the power, all the ambition God had given her must be used to help them. She organized the Society for Work Among Rural Women. Working around a city centre in villages where there was neither school nor Church, she began by gathering the children together under a tree or in a dugout, teaching them to sing and play, for they knew nothing of the value of recreation. The teaching was practical—hygiene, sanitation, sewing, cooking, chicken-raising, how to earn and save money, the latter, she said, an especially thrilling topic where money is so scarce. She organized Consumers' Co-operative Societies, such as she had seen at work in Denmark. There are two classes of members—those who can give thirty cents a year and those who give time, one or two days a week. Thus families are being helped economically, morally, and spiritually. The women had to be taught to read, too, for ninety per cent. of Korean women cannot read even the simple Korean alphabet. Pictures and literature are helping them, pamphlets and books written and translated into Korean for them, on subjects in which they are interested. In this work assistance is received from the World Day of Prayer contributions and the Korean Christian Literature Society. Mrs. Pak expressed gratitude for this help, and assured her hearers that the $200 given last year had been well spent.

Recently a Folk School has been established, after the Danish model, where girls learn to work cheerfully and courageously under all circumstances, two girls being selected from a village. If their great ambition could be achieved of having one hundred girls in a Folk High School, who would go back to their fifty villages, form Co-operative Societies, and teach their people, life would be much more worth while. But what a joy would be theirs, if the work could be carried into each of the 28,240 villages, of from three to one hundred families!

The women of Korea realize that they have a part to play in the work of their Church, as in all public life. To achieve anything worth while they must unite, must work together. In all fields, educational, social, and medical, outstanding women are found—nine out of ten of them from the Christian mission schools, with a good Christian educational background. Among the women coming to the front in Korea one does not find non-Christians. A Y.W.C.A. and a W.C.T.U. were organized, and, recently, a Business and Professional Women's Club, for, with the coming of manufacturing, women are even entering business life. They must learn to do what Korean women have never done — work with men. Just as they have to learn to walk *with* men, not, as is the custom for women in Korea, about ten feet *behind* them, so have they to learn to work with men, after gaining their confidence by giving evidence of their ability to do things.

What has come to her Mrs. Pak sees coming to many others. Physically, intellectually, socially, spiritually, young people are developing— ''marching forward courageously.'' But, however much they have done, they cannot do it alone. The Churches in Canada had loved her people and done a great deal for them, and she appealed to the present generation to continue in that love and help. As Simon lifted the Cross and helped to carry it, so she would ask us to ''come along, lift a little and help.'' Thus would come a new Christian civilization with the Prince of Peace ruling over all.

Will our young people accept Mrs. Pak's challenge? Certainly she herself is lifting and helping as few are doing. We would thank her for the great contribution she is making to the religious life of this continent, especially that of the students,—for it was the Student Volunteer Movement that brought her to Canada. From the West the Gospel was carried to Korea, and now this year from the East the biggest inspiration has come to us in Mrs. Pak.

WHY DID THEY DO IT?

A CHRISTIAN minister from America, travelling through the flood districts of Central China, asked an old boatman, ''What first interested you in Christianity?'' The answer came, ''It was seeing the Christian doctors going about their work. I could not imagine why they did it.''

—*Missionary Review of the World.*

Beams of Light Across the Sea

A MISSIONARY barrel? Yes. From America? Oh, no. This one was sent by the Korean Christians in Japan to the Higher Bible School in Pyengyang to be given out by the students to the poor of Korea, of whom we find many in most distressing circumstances. Old people with no fire and no food, a new-born babe with no clothing, a widow and three children with no food or bedding, are some examples of need. Some of them are new-believers, some of them have not yet accepted Christ as their Saviour, but these young women from the Bible School who work in connection with the Sunday Schools visit in all parts of the city, and so are acquainted with the great need.

Fifteen graduates of the school are now working in the Korean Presbyterian Church in Japan, under the mission of the Continuing Presbyterian of Canada, and under their leadership, the Christians there have stretched out ''hands across the sea'' to their brethren in Korea. These Korean Christians in Japan are very poor, but those who are acquainted with them, both in Korea and Japan, know that Korean Christians have always given out of their poverty to build and support their churches, to carry the gospel to unevangelized territories, and to minister to the suffering saints. This young Korean Church in Japan now numbers 2,351, with 45 churches, and 9 pastors.

—The *Pyengyang News,* April, 1936.

Songs by Christian Leper Poets

O you who know not God, how can you keep
The mirrors of your souls all bright and shining?

* *

What joy it is at early morn to meet
    Beside the sea with those who love our Lord
    And whom we love; and there to read the Word
And lay our burdens at our Master's feet!

* *

A sheep that wanders in deep narrow valleys
    And will not hear the Shepherd's anguished cry,
But presses further onward in the darkness,
    Lost and unheeding—such a one am I!

* *

The fragrance of the trees, the songs of birds,
The blossoming flowers amid the mountain grasses,
All whisper to the soul that waits to hear,
    Saying, ''God passes!''

The treasures of the sea, the fruits of fields,
These also praise; the village smoke confesses,
As heavenward its columns slowly rise,
    '' 'Tis God that blesses!''

—Nagata San.

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Oh, make my heart so still, so still,
    When I am deep in prayer,
That I might hear the white mist-wreaths
    Losing themselves in air!

—Utsonomiya San.

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Why should my pathway seem
    A desert stark and dry,
When all around the hills of God
    Are glorious in the sky?

—Takomoto San.

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God planned
    The little grain of sand
    I hold upon my hand;
And so it need not be
Hard for my faith to see
    He plans for me!

—Miyoshi San.

More Active Support for the League of Nations

As a corporate member of the League of Nations Society in Canada, the Women's Missionary Society would call the attention of its members to the appeal for a more active, wide-spread support of the League of Nations and of the League of Nations Society. Convinced that ''a public opinion educated in the League way of settling disputes will be the greatest insurance against war'', the League of Nations Society in Canada feels that ''the time is ripe for a more intensive education campaign to create such public opinion as will advance a stronger League of Nations policy for Canada.'' It is well to remind ourselves again that a Government can act whole-heartedly for the League, striving to realize the ideals it represents, only in so far as the public opinion of the country is behind it. ''The interest of the Canadian Government in the League of Nations and the League of Nations Society in Canada is in direct ratio with the interest of the Canadian people in these two organizations. We must therefore have a strong public sentiment in favour of it. The League of Nations Society in Canada exists to promote this sentiment.''

The Society is seeking to attain this end by co-ordinating and stimulating the efforts of all societies and groups in Canada that are working for peace; by establishing a lectureship bureau which would make it possible to send speakers to parts of Canada where otherwise they could not be heard; by promoting through the schools and over the radio a serious study of the causes of war and of the League of Nations ideal of collective security, and by so extending its office facilities in Ottawa and elsewhere that appeals for information and help from all parts of the Dominion might be answered.

How many of our members realize the extent of the permanent work the League carries on, in addition to what directly concerns war and peace? It is enlightening even to read the list of matters with which it deals: mandates, refugees, economic organization, the drug traffic, intellectual co-operation, communication and transit, slavery, health, financial organization, traffic in women and children, protection of minorities, international labour organization, and the Permanent Court of International Justice.

In all the confusion and anxiety of these past months, one thing stands out clearly — the value the nations in the League attach to it, as they have come to understand that only in international co-operation can there be peace for the world. ''Somehow'' — to quote from the leading article in a recent number of *Time and Tide* — ''the world must get back to the ideas on which the League of Nations first appealed to humanity. . . . Surely this is the moment, of all others, to ignore the past and build for the

League surer foundations . . . . in the hearts of the people who do not want war.'' Upon the women of Canada rests a serious responsibility in this matter. They can do much by giving active support to local branches of the League of Nations Society, by cultivating a right attitude towards peace as something active and constructive,—in every way in their power, helping to create an intelligent public opinion, based on knowledge and understanding, that will strengthen the hands of the Government in its League policy.

Graduation of Presbyterian Deaconesses

A DIGNIFIED service in the beautiful chapel of Knox College on the evening of April 2nd marked the closing of the year's work of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto. Rev. A. R. Skinner, Chairman of the Deaconess Board, presided, with Rev. W. T. McCree and Rev. Stuart Parker, D.D., assisting in the devotional service. The choir of Royce Avenue Presbyterian Church, under Mr. I. Bruce Jamieson, led in the service of praise.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, extended to the Principal, Miss Winifred Ferguson, their thanks for the help and co-operation she had given them during the year. Our people, he said, were only beginning to realize the large part the Home plays in the life of the Church, and the great power for good that it exerts not only through the service of the graduates who go forth to all parts of Canada and to other lands, but also through the lives of the larger number of young women who in many ways come under its influence.

Miss Ferguson

Miss Ferguson reported that the Residence had been filled with students, eight of whom were students-in-training. The five graduates of last year were all serving under the Women's Missionary Societies (E.D. and W.D.). In all, she said, some fifty-four missionaries and deaconesses, former students of the Home, are now on active service in Canada or overseas. Two new ventures marked this year's work. A one-year course, with the privilege of residence and free tuition, had been arranged for volunteer workers. This year two had taken the course,—Miss M. Elizabeth Hope and Mrs. Rhoda Funston. Moreover, in an effort to offer the part-time service of a trained deaconess to congregations unable to engage a full-time worker, the Board was providing the Deaconess-on-Call; that is, a deaconess who may be engaged for short or long periods to assist wherever needed. ''It is the offer of available help to a vacant charge, to an overworked pastor, to a minister, ill or absent, to an organization requiring leadership, to a community needing visitation, to a Church office requiring clerical assistance.''

The deaconesses were honoured in having the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Reverend D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D., present the diplomas to the members of the graduating class: Miss Marion E. MacLennan, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Miss Anne M. Storey, Elmvale, Ontario, and Miss Grace E. Wood, Rockton, Ontario; and class certificates to the students who had completed the first year of their course: Miss G. Ione Gordon, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Miss Florence E. MacNeill, Cardigan, P.E.I., and Miss Gertrude M. Rollo, Medicine Hat, Alberta, and to Miss M. Elizabeth Hope, Ayr, Ontario, and Mrs. Rhoda Funston, Toronto, the pioneers in the new one-year course for volunteer workers. Dr. McKerroll, congratulating the deaconesses on their high calling, assured them that there was no other open to women that would afford them the privilege of doing so great a work. A great field has been opening up where a deaconess could do more than any one else; not even a minister could go among the people as she could. Wherever he had gone on his recent tour as Moderator, he had been deeply impressed by the splendid work the deaconesses were doing under difficult conditions and by the great inspiration the Church was receiving from the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. Dr. McKerroll's closing counsel to the graduates was: ''Take Him with you all the way. He will see you through.''

Miss Grace Wood

Miss Marion MacLennan

Miss Anne Storey

Miss Wood won the General Proficiency scholarship for the second year, and Miss Rollo that for the first year, while Miss Storey of the graduating class and Miss Rollo of the first year received proficiency awards. Teacher training certificates were granted to the members of the graduating class. These presentations were made by Rev. Edgar Foreman, Moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Miss Isabella T. Hunter, President of the Deaconess Alumnæ Association, presented the Alumnæ scholarship to Miss Wood as the student ''who in the two years of her course had shown the greatest promise in her attitude toward work and life.''

The principal address was delivered by Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Secretary of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. Having been connected with the Home for about twenty years, and on the staff for ten years, and having seen the deaconesses on their fields putting into practice the teaching they had received at the Home he could congratulate the Principal on the splendid work from which the whole country was benefiting. Reminding the audience of the words of Jesus: ''Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men'' (Mark 1: 17), Dr. Kannawin said that the world to-day needed *useful* people. It was, he thought, significant that Jesus did not promise his disciples wealth, comfort, or wisdom, but he did promise to make them useful. There was a condition, however: ''Come ye after me.'' While training and methods were very necessary, they could not take the place of personal consecration. He appealed to the young to use their God-given powers to change the world. Many plans were advocated to-day, but Jesus, who lived more intensely than any other has ever lived, who more than any lived to change the world, resorted to none of these plans. Identifying Himself with the lowliest, He went in and out among the people doing good. No people, said Dr. Kannawin, are following His example in this more than the deaconesses, as they, too, go in and out among the people doing good. He congratulated the graduates on their choice of a life work. With but one life to live, young people should not overlook the claims of the Christian Church, and of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In other countries, 4,125,000, amongst whom no other Protestant Church is working, are, he said, looking to us for help, and in every field were graduates of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. In Canada, where fifty per cent. of the population were under twenty-five years of age, the great work to be done among those who called themselves Presbyterians should be a challenge to the young people of our Church.

Dr. Kannawin issued a stirring challenge, too, to those who cannot go themselves to fields at home or abroad. Young men and women who are willing and ready to work where their service is so desperately needed cannot go because others do not provide the means. It is, Dr. Kannawin declared, the bounden duty of the latter to give those who can and will the opportunity to go. He emphasized his appeal by reading part of a letter from Dr. Margaret Strang Savage, telling of places in the Peace River District that were simply crying out for nurses. The people there cannot pay for the services of a nurse, and nurses must have, at least, enough to keep them alive. There are nurses ready, and in many homes a Christian nurse would be a heaven-sent blessing. It is a hard work on the frontier, but one that is magnificently worth while. There are young people all over the country willing to volunteer, asking for an opportunity to serve. What, Dr. Kannawin asked, are we going to do about it?

A Hindu Wedding

MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY, *Jobat, India*

MISS DOUGLAS, Miss McConnell and I were invited to a Hindu wedding two weeks ago. The bride was a cousin of the Rana. Her father is not living, so a brother was master of ceremonies. He is the Forest Officer of Jobat State, quite a well educated man. As no time was mentioned in the invitation, we started off about five o'clock, but as we were leaving the compound a servant came to say the wedding would be at eight o'clock.

The ceremony was just about to begin as the motor arrived. Nanpat Singh, the brother, greeted us, showed us where to stand, and then hurried off to join the other men who went off in a body to meet the groom's party as they came near the home. Heading the procession were two horses. The man on one carried a red and white standard, while the other beat a fairly large drum which was fastened in some mysterious way to the horse's back between the head and the saddle. A big red frill disguised the drum so that I didn't know what it was until the man began to beat it.

As the party came near us I saw that the horse on which the groom was sitting was walking over a piece of cotton several yards long. When the end of the cotton was reached the horse stopped while the material was gathered up and spread in front again. Near the gate of the compound a chair was placed, covered with a beautiful piece of embossed gold cloth. When the horse arrived at the chair the groom dismounted and was escorted to the chair. Then began the first of a long series of rites by a Hindu priest and his associates from which I gathered very little meaning. The bride's brother brought rupees six which were given to the groomsman. A discussion followed and I would have supposed the six rupees was not sufficient, but as they must have known beforehand all that was to be done, there probably was another reason. Some food was brought, too, and placed by the feet of the groom. After some incantations over it, some one took it away again. This ceremony lasted perhaps five or ten minutes. Then the boy was taken to the gate, where he stood on a block of wood, while the priest muttered a lot of phrases. I judged that they might be a welcome to the house.

After a minute or so at the gate, the people moved on to what we call a shamiana — a canopy erected anywhere, under which people sit. Under the edge of the canopy the boy again stood on a block of wood. This time the priest mumbled for a longer period. Eventually the groom arrived at a large stool covered with the gold cloth. Here he sat for a long time. We were given chairs at his left hand and could see most of what occurred. I wish you could have seen his costume. It surely was gorgeous. He wore black pumps and socks, white silk, tight-fitting pants, a most beautiful gold embossed coat, high at the neck and reaching to his knees, a light-coloured turban through which ran gold thread. Around his neck was a triple string of pearls and a pendant of some sort on a long chain. The boy was very good-looking, so you can imagine his appearance. His brother attended him, attired in white pants, shell pink silk brocaded coat and gold-lined turban. Another man wore white pants, deep pink silk brocaded coat and, I think, a blue turban. The other men relatives were dressed in outfits of various hues. The women were all in the house on account of purdah. Oh no, two women stood behind the bride and groom as they waved a little dish, containing money, back and forth over their heads.

When the boy was settled, according to custom, in his place, the bride was brought out. I wonder what the boy's thoughts were as she appeared. He hadn't seen her before and even yet he couldn't see her face, as she wore a burpha — a long hooded affair which leaves not one inch of the body exposed. They were seated facing each other, at a distance of six or eight feet. Between them were the three priests who officiated. Each squatted on his haunches as he handled the different articles required for the rites. Now and then they chanted something which I couldn't understand. At a certain point a piece of red silk was passed to the bride and groom, and each held one end of it. This, I suppose, was the beginning of their union. I don't know how many times the priest gave a little rice, grain, colour, etc., to the two to touch. At one point the brother, the sister-in-law and the mother had something to do in the ceremony. Perhaps the brother was officially giving his sister away. They seemed to be handing handfuls of rice or something to the priest, who in turn put it into the hands of the bridal couple for a second or so.

We asked the brother about different things, but his usual answer was ''Oh, that is just an auspicious rite.'' About five minutes before nine there was a bit of commotion. The men looked at their watches and then said, ''Your Honour (or some such word), finish quickly.'' I asked what the rush was and was told that the official act of union had to be accomplished just before nine. Further inquiry elicited the information that according to the horoscopes that particular time was most auspicious for the pair. About one minute to nine, drums were beaten, the priest jumped up and put several long strands of red cord around the necks of the boy and girl, and joined their hands. This was the important part of the ceremony. In due time they sat back on the seats and everything quieted down for the rest of the ceremony. Perhaps it was after this that the boy's shoes and socks had to be taken off to allow him to place his bare feet beside those of the girl in a large pan. I have been reading an article in the *International Review of Missions* on ''The Evil Eye in South India''. In this article the writer says a practice such as the above is one of the ways of averting the influence of the evil eye.

I can't think of any other rites carried out before the girl's stool was carried over and placed beside the boy's. Among other things done then, the priest made a fire of ghi, manure cakes, and twigs, on which rice was thrown. Then the couple, with hands joined, walked around the fire seven times, sitting down after each round until the priest pronounced more formulæ. After this two women came out, one being the sister-in-law. She brought the good wishes of one of the women. Each time she went back in — and she made seven appearances — one of the men handed a brass tray to the woman with her, who was probably a servant. The tray was a gift from the groom to the well-wisher. I forgot to say that the idea in circling the fire was an omen that as the ghi, wood, and other things had united to produce one flame, so would the lives of the bridal couple be fused into one.

At this stage the people began to go into the house. We were invited in, too. We saw the pair seated on the floor of one room facing drawings of Hindu gods on one wall. A couple of water pots were beside the wall and a red string was placed around them. This, I think, was an invocation to the gods for blessing in the way of children. About five minutes were spent at this and then they were led to five doors of the house. Beside each door both made imprints with their hands, which had been dipped in red paint. I suppose it was another effort to ward off the evil eye.

The last part of the ceremony was rather nice. They went out and stood at the gate, from where they looked at the polar star. As the polar star remains fixed, so the love of the newly-weds is supposed to remain firm and true. One wonders how it can be love when the girl hasn't been seen by her husband. After another few minutes with the priest the girl went into the house and the groom went to a big tent, where all the men of the wedding party were. We gave our salaams to the bride, along with a gift. She looked quite exhausted, and no wonder! The actual ceremony was two and one-quarter hours long. We then spoke to the groom and his father and betook ourselves home.

I was so glad to be able to see such a wedding, but felt more than ever the lifelessness of the Hindu religion. I wonder that educated people can be bothered with what must seem rather foolish to them. But, of course, India is the land of custom and changes come with difficulty.

Surely God is in this place,
I have seen Him face to face
In the loveliness of flowers,
In the service of the showers,
And His voice has talked to me
In the sunlit apple tree.

—Bliss Carman.

Prayer

DEAR Father, we come again to Thy Throne of Grace, with thanksgiving in our hearts and praise on our lips for all Thy loving-kindness to us Thy children. Thy everlasting arms have indeed been underneath and round about us.

We come realizing we have sinned and fallen short of our duty to Thee and our fellow men. Be pleased to forgive and strengthen us, for it is only as we receive power from Thee through the Holy Spirit that we are able to overcome. Fill us with Thy spirit.

We thank Thee for Jesus Christ Thy Son who came to make atonement for our sin and who ever liveth at Thy right hand to make intercession for us. We thank Thee for our Society and the task Thou hast given us. May we all have a vision of what our motto means—the World for Christ. Reconsecrate us to Thy service, that we may be willing to give of our time, our talents, our money and our prayers that the Kingdom of Christ may be advanced. May our Church in all its membership stand for the things that are holy and of good report, that the world seeing us may come to know Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

We pray for our missionaries who are carrying the message of peace and goodwill across the seas and to the far corners of our own land. We thank Thee for their devotion and sacrifice and forgetfulness of self. Dear Father, we ask that they may have many souls for their hire, and that we who remain at home may do our part that they may feel our love and sympathy and prayers are with them in their great task. We pray at this time for the peace of the world. Teach the nations that except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it, that it is not by might or by power but by Thy Spirit that the world is to be saved. May Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour we ask it. Amen.

LET US PRAY:

FOR AN AWAKENING of interest and generosity among those at present uninterested in missionary work;

FOR GUIDANCE for the young people who are at this time deciding on their life work;

FOR WISDOM in all plans for the Council Meeting and in decisions made, to the end that the work of God's Kingdom may be advanced.

平齊教區婦女短期學校攝影紀念

Women's Short Term Training Class (6 weeks), Taonan, Manchuria
Mrs. Allan Reoch and Mrs. W. G. Davis are shown in the front row

The Christian Hope

NO reading of the present situation would be in any sense Christian if it aroused in us feelings either of fear or of despair. . . . The hope of the Christian has its anchor in that which lies above and beyond the conflict. For those who believe in God the last word is not spoken in this life. No temporal circumstances, however dark and menacing, can touch the foundations of our faith. The ground of our confidence is the Word of God spoken in Christ. In the light of that revelation the forces of darkness have been robbed of their power. Their doom is already writ. Our efforts may fail, but the triumph of God is sure. We neither made the world nor have we to bear the responsibility for directing its course. That is in stronger and safer hands. Our sole responsibility is in creaturely dependence to fulfil each day in the circumstances in which we are placed the task assigned to us, and to trust the rest to God. In that confidence our hearts and minds may remain untroubled under threatening skies and in the face of apparently unsurmountable difficulties, guarded by the peace of God which passes human understanding.

Reasons for hope may be found also in the situation itself. If in the Gospel is contained the word which is needed to redeem mankind from its present errors and lack of direction, and if the Church can speak that word with understanding and conviction, we may be on the threshold of one of the great periods in the history of the Christian Church. The opportunity presents itself to bear an effective Christian witness to the world as a whole at a critical moment in history when mankind stands at the parting of the ways. The greatness of the opposition may be the means of opening the eyes of the Church to the depth and richness of the truth regarding man's life and destiny which has been committed to its charge. Out of the strain of the conflict may be born a new assurance, a new certainty, a new heroism. As Nietzsche taught, it is the greatness of the danger that reveals the knight, or rather that creates him. Or as Christians would rather say, God uses such occasions as a means of educating His children and making them worthy to be called His sons.

—From *Church, Community and State, by J. H. Oldham.*

Facing Facts

THE Church's missionary work compels us to face the situation which confronts such work in every part of the world. There are certain considerations which should be in our minds as we face the facts of our own missionary operations.

1. Every movement around the world to-day is a missionary movement, with a definite objective and well-planned propaganda. Every facility provided by modern skill and invention is called into the service of these missionary movements.

The forces which are hostile to religion have never been so arrogant, so passionate and so determined. They assail not only the Christian faith, but also all the values of the Christian life. And their activities are world-wide; they seek their constituency in every nation and amongst all peoples. They make their daily challenge to Christianity to declare its character, to proclaim its message, and to bring its Gospel into touch with the needs of the world, and to confront the problems which are crying out for solution.

2. A contemplation of world conditions, in every part of the world, varied and complex, and differing so widely, brings the strong conviction that the Church's ministry of preaching, teaching and healing has an unexampled opportunity in all parts of the world. In reality, it is this ministry which men and women are most desperately in need of. It is unthinkable that the Church should feel itself compelled to withdraw from any activities to which this ministry has called it. The last thing the Christian Church should contemplate is the weakening of the missionary force in any part of the world. This would let the enemy in with a rush, and would put an unwarranted strain upon the present missionary agencies.

Besides, men everywhere are hungry for the Bread of Life. Men are eager to know that they have the right to hope, and the right to love, and only the Christian Gospel can bring to them the assurances they long to have.

3. It is still true that there is a sure reaction in the home Church to withdrawal or stagnation in missionary operations. The far adventure of the Gospel stirs enthusiasm and stimulates liberality. Suggestions for the recall of missionaries, or the closing down of work, inevitably result in a spirit of defeatism and timidity at home. The Church is never so healthy and vigorous as when it is joyously and self-forgetfully giving itself to a whole-hearted obedience to the commission of our Lord: ''Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations.''

—From *The Missionary Chronicle.*

The Common Bond

Being the Popular Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society for 1935

THE title of this report is very suggestive, the Bible, ''The Common Bond'' between the nations. In his third Popular Report the Rev. John A. Patten, M.C., M.A., Literary Superintendent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, has very effectively told the story of its work during another year, tracing the history of the Bible as ''The Common Bond'' through the ages. His chapters are entitled: ''The Bond of the Translated Word''; ''Servants of the Common Bond''; ''The Power of the Common Bond''; and ''Our Share in the Enterprise.''

There are many literary allusions and extracts from relevant prose and poetry. Perhaps nowhere is there a better parallel of ''The Common Bond'' of the Bible amidst diverse peoples than the experience the Society has had in its distribution in the Dominion of Canada. The book tells of the gracious ministry carried on for many a long year by the Society in Canada and Newfoundland.

Very interesting reference is made in the book to the Jubilee celebrations and to the daily practice of King George in reading a chapter from the Bible in accordance with a promise made years ago to Queen Alexandra. Close beside this reference to His Majesty, there is a story from a mining village in the north of England where a mother, bereft of her husband and three sons through a mining disaster, finds comfort and strength from the Book.

All through the report there runs the note of certainty that in spite of all appearances to the contrary, the Bible is, and may increasingly become, a bond of brotherhood and peace for all the nations.

Stress is laid on the necessity to strengthen this ''Common Bond'' by the wider circulation of the Scriptures in every language, and the

Society, in the name of a needy world, appeals for the prayers, the service, and the gifts of Christian people.

This Popular Report certainly maintains the standard of excellence set by its predecessors, and gives further proof of the ability of its gifted author. *—Contributed.*

OUR LETTER BOX

The Hospital Opens the Way

Taihoku, Formosa, Japan.

As the report shows, 1935 was one of our busiest years. We had the greatest number of operations since Dr. McClure was here, and more in-patients than in any year since the hospital was re-opened. We had a record year in babies, too. The greatest number in any year previously was sixty, but in 1935 we had sixty-five. So you see I had a very, very busy year. Although I was very tired often, the joy of working for our Master helped me on. The Formosan nurses have been a wonderful help to me and so patient with my meagre Formosan language.

Our Bible woman, Po-Sian-Koa, is busy every day teaching and telling the story of joy and peace. Almost daily we hear of people who, through her teaching and perhaps because of their treatment in the hospital, have become interested in Christianity. Many, many of our patients, on leaving the hospital, say they will continue their study of Christianity when they return to their homes — but unfortunately we seldom have time or opportunity to do follow-up work. A card is sent to the preacher in the patient's district telling him of the patient's progress in reading, his (or her) attitude toward the message, so that the work can be carried on. We hope and pray that the harvest from this sowing may be great. In Taihoku our Bible woman visits the homes of former patients who have shown promise and reports very favourable results. In many cases the parents have allowed their children to attend Sunday School, in others the patients have become ''hearers'', and in a few cases have given up their idol worship and given their hearts to the Saviour. I always hope to have the time some day to go with Po-Sian-Koa when she visits, but so far I have been far too busy with quite commonplace tasks. Perhaps the Master meant me to do these ordinary tasks and so in my small way do my part in this great work. Who knows? Ordinary work must be done and around the hospital there are endless tasks. I never seem to quite ''catch up'' with my work.

We have the dearest little boy in the hospital. He has been in a year with osteomyelitis of the leg. He is now able to walk around and hopes to go home soon. He can read and sing quite well now and is always so happy when we ask him to sing for some visitor. He helps the Bible woman teach new patients to sing hymns.

Having been given a number of unused Christmas cards, I had the nurses address one to each patient and I bought some oranges, and on Christmas morning the nurses distributed them among the patients, at the same time explaining the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time. I think it was the first time many of them had ever received anything at this season and they seemed so pleased and interested. I hope another year to do a little more. —*Hildur Hermanson.*

Christian Influence in Formosa

Tamsui, Formosa.

WOULD you like to hear some of the things I have been seeing and hearing lately? During the Christmas holiday I went out to visit Iu-a, who was such an active Bible woman. Shortly after I arrived a sumptuous meal was served—chicken liver, shell fish, a dish made of fine spaghetti, eggplant which had been dipped in batter and fried, and the ever necessary rice. At the close of the meal we were each presented with a biscuit about five inches in diameter, the top of which was painted a brilliant red. Not until then did I remember that January 3rd was the baby's birthday; when such cakes are served here one knows that a first birthday has come. As it was a sunny day we went for a walk to a Chinese house in the hills where some new hearers of the Gospel live. The large ''U''-shaped house shelters several families, all subservient to the grandfather and grandmother who have become interested in the Truth. On entering we were invited to rest on stools. Immediately my attention was drawn to two women who were carefully examining a wee baby, some six or eight months old. I thought the child must be ill, but was informed that it had been bought into the home upon the death of a baby, but now as the mother hoped for another child of her own the sale of this baby was in order and the two women were estimating its worth. What a change will come in that home if the members of the family all become Christians! The old grandfather attends Church regularly and encourages his children to do so. The grandmother told us that on her husband's birthday this year the family didn't worship the idols, a custom strictly adhered to in heathen homes. We were presented with a bag of ripe oranges picked from their heavily laden trees.

In the evening the Christians and friends gathered at the preaching hall for an evening of entertainment in honour of Christmas. Hymns were sung, speeches made, children performed, and I was prevailed upon to sing a verse in English. The people wanted to hear the queer sounds, so after explaining the meaning I sang ''Jesus loves me''. Tea and cakes were served, all seeming to enjoy the fellowship.

A young minister told me an interesting story the other day. In his town is a family who are studying the Scriptures. Coming to realize that they should not have idols in their homes they destroyed them; but the ancestral tablet seemed too precious. They wondered what they would do with it. They decided to seek aid from an idol. By casting large wooden beans to the ground before the idol they would learn what the idol advised. When the beans were cast it was learned that the idol wished them to destroy the tablet, too. This they did. Superstitions lead these people to do many queer things. Just to-day a school girl told me a spider web brushed across her lip, causing the fever blister which had appeared there. I would rather believe that these cold days have given her a cold sore.

Lately a young preacher brought some fifteen new hearers from their little village to Tamsui to see the schools and meet the workers here. We had them in our house for a cup of tea and a chat. Thus we make friends with the new people out in the country districts.

We hope you are remembering our school girls in prayer. Some have confessed their faith in the Saviour, but are prevented from taking an open stand by their parents, who are still filled with superstitious fear. Would you dare to invite and lead your father to a church where a teaching entirely foreign to his belief was to be expounded? This is what one of our girls did. The father listened, but did not tell the girl whether he understood or believed what he heard or not. She is hoping and praying that he may do so, however.

Recently the Chinese New Year has been observed. Some Chinese people, thinking it easier to reckon the year by the moon, cling to the old custom. At this New Year time we received the sad message of the death of King George. On New Year's Eve, the usual occasion for hilarity and sport, the school girls themselves decided to dispense with the play and be quiet, thus showing respect for the Royal Family of the nation of which most of our missionaries are citizens.

Soon the end of the school year (March 31st) will be here, with graduation and farewells. The future always remains unknown, but trusting in the loving care of our Heavenly Father, we hope for great things for Him through some of our girls who will be leaving us.

Just as I was finishing the above, an invitation came for us to go over to the British Consulate and listen to the funeral service of King George as it came in over the radio from London. It came very clearly and was very impressive. —*Alma L. Burdick.*

Seed Bearing Fruit

Tamsui, Formosa.

I SPOKE before of seed perhaps having to lie dormant for some time ere it sprang to life. I had a case of that very thing to-day. To-morrow is Communion Sunday in Tamsui Church. Last night there was a pre-Communion service to examine those who were about to join the Church. We learned of a lady in the village who is very ill but who wanted to join. To-day the session went to her home to examine her. Here is her story. When a little girl she had often gone to Sunday School, but not coming from a Christian home, she had no way of learning very much about Christianity. All she knew was that the hymns were very nice, and that some had nicer tunes than others. Then she dropped out of Sunday School, and Christianity was a thing which she often wondered about, but concerning which she learned no more. Last spring she was taken seriously ill and went to the Mackay Memorial Hospital for treatment. During her stay there the hospital Bible woman took a very special interest in her, and she suddenly realized that these stories she was hearing were the same that she had often heard as a child. Now she could have all the questions answered which she had been afraid to ask in her Sunday School days! Her young husband does not just know what it all means, but he is happy to have her cast all the idols out of the home and to allow her to join the Church. He has promised to study the Christian Gospel himself, and hopes he gets as much peace from it as his wife has received. To-morrow a few members of the Church will call on this family, and have a service of worship, during which the wife will be baptized and with us will take part in her first Communion service. The seed had lain dormant in this case for a quarter of a century, but now it has brought forth fruit, and angels will be singing in heaven, if indeed they have not already sung to His glory, because one more sinner has found repentance. —*J. D. Wilkie.*

Glimpses of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan.

I WISH I could escort you around Tokyo. It is extremely interesting with its many moats and reminiscences of feudal days. The other day I visited a school and the principal remarked casually as we passed the Japanese garden (twisted trees, rocks and grass, not flowers), ''That is an old Samurai garden, about 700 years old.'' Think of a garden living through earthquake, fire, war, and all the changes of the years, and remaining still—a garden!

Another day recently I went to the old and famous Asakusa Temple. Little shops selling all manner of things line the approach to the temple, but as we drew near, there was an open space where six old women, three on each side of the road, sat at little tables, selling food to feed the pigeons that circled overhead and flew low around us. The old women's faces were so interesting,—they had such *good* faces, and they were dressed all in grey with little caps of blue, like kerchiefs, on their heads. I have tried everywhere to find a picture of them, as I thought the people at home would be interested, but people gaze at me in wonder when I ask for it and show me instead—pictures of the new department stores! So I will have to go back and take a picture myself! Within the temple,—well, it is like other temples, dark, a rather unwholesome atmosphere, the priests with shaven heads and pasty-white faces, the huge grotesque idols, and the people forever bowing and throwing money to the idols. But when we were out in the main road again, I saw a middle-aged, motherly-looking woman, dressed neatly but humbly, stop her work and turn toward the temple and make a prayer, entirely unconscious of the people all about her, who in turn paid no attention to her, and I couldn't but remember how in olden times the faithful turned their faces toward Jerusalem and said their prayer.

Now it is New Year, the gayest time of the year for Japan. Every house is decorated with evergreen and bamboo outside, and a string of rice straw is stretched in front of each house, while scattered in the straw are little papers on which prayers are written—for the spirits to read as they pass by! The Japanese women wear their gayest and most colourful kimonas, and the whole nation relaxes and takes a holiday,—not just one day, but at least four days.

We are still in the throes of the Japanese language. I've heard of a missionary who wrote home that ''Chinese characters were invented by a Council of the demons for the tormentation of the faithful!'' I used to know 800 of them, and I shall have to refresh my memory, as Japanese writing is sprinkled plentifully with them.

We are very happy here in our Tokyo home, and the year is flying fast. We are safe here, too. I spent one summer in China in a summer resort where bandits were hourly expected, so now I am always grateful for safety! My little girl says, ''God takes care of us, and the policemen do, too!'' *—(Mrs. J.) Lillian R. Dickson.*

News from the Peace River

Wanham, Alberta.

MANY supplies came in this year, new and used clothing, Christmas gifts and books. The clothing has proved a great blessing to many. Mothers have been thankful to get things to make over for their children. One man took away a bundle the other day—''My missus make them down for children and I bring you wood all winter for the Church.'' Others have given some money in return, while some have brought in produce. All has been turned over to our Church expense.

It certainly is worth while to be able to bring encouragement and help to many who are discouraged. Owing to the rains and floods, early frost and snow, much of the crop could be used only for feed. Prices were very low, also. In some cases the elevators would not accept the grain and so often one hears, ''We hoped it would be better this year, but it is worse. Is it worth while staying on?'' But as one woman said, ''You give us a help up,'' and they know that the clothing comes in from our various Auxiliaries all over Canada. The people on the whole are hard-working and do try to make a living for themselves and their families.

On Christmas Day we had a very nice service in the Church—really a community service—when Anglican, United, Roman Catholic, all came together to worship with us the King of Kings. One lady, an Anglican, said, ''Thank you ever so much for that lovely service. I do hope this is the beginning of a better spirit in this district.'' Another Anglican family came in fifteen miles to attend their first Christmas service since they left England seventeen years ago. —*Margaret Grigor.*

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

''THE village hummed with life. Women and girls came from the water with brimming calabashes on their heads. As they came one sang:

My brother out yonder,
Who art hunting in the plain,
What matter it if your arrow-shaft break,
So long as you return
With your little stick.
I will replace it.''

By song, description of village life, and an outline of the history of past years, Margaret Wrong, in her new book, THE LAND AND LIFE OF AFRICA, gives a clear picture of that land to which all eyes have been turned. It is a most readable book. Bound in cloth. Price 60 cents.

CONSIDER AFRICA, by Basil Mathews, is a new book in the international series written from a missionary point of view by this British thinker. He is a student of humanity, of the times, and of changing conditions in the world. In paper. Price 60 cents.

THE CHINESE CHURCH IN ACTION, by John Foster, deals with the growth of the Chinese Church, and its great ambition to win the youth of China. He quotes a Chinese prayer that became the watchword of the Five-Year Movement: ''Lord, revive Thy Church, beginning with me.'' Available in paper cover. Price 60 cents.

MORNING PRAYERS, by Mrs. Guy Rogers, is a collection of simple prayers for use in family worship, in schools or in religious meetings of any kind. It is a Student Christian Movement publication. In paper cover. Price 50 cents.

For the Mission Band

WORLD FRIENDSHIP STORIES is a delightful little book, containing simple stories of children in other lands. Illustrated. Price 35 cents.

CHINESE STORIES FOR JUNIORS. The stories are short and vivid and the pictures pleasing. Price 35 cents.

THE GRATITUDE TREE is a Thank-offering service for children. It is not difficult. Price only 5 cents.

YOUNG WOMEN

WORSHIP SERVICES

YOUTH IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Youth and Worship—Give unto the Lord the glory due His name. . . O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.—Psalm 96.

> ''O Worship the King, all glorious above;
> O gratefully sing His power and His love.''

Youth and Opportunity—As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men.—Galatians 6: 1-10.

> ''Go, labour on: spend and be spent,
> Thy joy to do the Father's will.''

Youth and the Call to Service—And He said unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.—St. Matthew 4: 18-22.

> ''Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
> Of our life's wild restless sea.''

Youth and Consecration—Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord, come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings.—2 Chronicles 29: 28-33.

> ''Take my life, and let it be
> Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.''

Youth and Giving—And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury.—St. Mark 12: 41-44.

> ''We give Thee but Thine own,
> Whate'er the gift may be.''

Youth and Faith—Jesus stretched forth His hand . . . and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?—St. Matthew 14: 22-33.

> ''My faith looks up to Thee,
> Thou Lamb of Calvary.''

Youth and Prayer—And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place . . . one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord teach us to pray.—St. Luke 11: 1-4.

> '' 'Tis the blessed hour of prayer,
> When our hearts lowly bend.''

Youth and Vision—And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks.—Isaiah 2: 2-5.

> ''Rise up, O men of God!
> Have done with lesser things.''

Youth and Missions—And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice.—St. John 10: 7-16.

> ''Christ for the world we sing;
> The world to Christ we bring.''

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

C. G. I. T. GROUPS AND MISSIONS

MISSIONARY education was one of the topics discussed at Staff Conference of the Girls' Work Secretaries and at the Annual Meeting of the National Girls' Work Board which was held in Toronto this spring. Every recognized C.G.I.T. group must include ''adequate missionary education'' in its year's work, and many groups report interesting projects in dramatization, handwork, posters, scrapbooks and discussions. ''In a number of centres the C.G.I.T. groups have completed very attractive layettes for home mission supplies'', one western secretary reported.

Girls of non-Anglo-Saxon parents and girls from the Orient studying in Canada who have attended C.G.I.T. camps have deepened the interest in other races. The representatives from the different Women's Missionary organizations visiting provincial camps have made an effective presentation of the Church at work at home and abroad. Material on Missions is being prepared by the Promotion Committee of the National Girls' Work Board for the use of camp directors and of girls' council sponsors.

There are now ''Girls in Training'' groups, with the same unit of organization as a C.G.I.T. group — (a 'teen age girls' Sunday School class meeting on Sunday and in the midweek) in Trinidad, Bermuda, Labrador, Africa, Japan and China. An interesting link with India has been made through C.G.I.T. camp contributions to the work of Miss Margaret Burton, Y.W.C.A. physical director at Calcutta.

The task of the C.G.I.T. leader is sharing the adventure of Christian living with her girls. Sometimes the work is handicapped because no mature Christian woman will consent to lead or because the women in the Church do not understand the C.G.I.T. programme which includes projects on missions and on the local Church and which emphasizes Christian living in the home, school, Church and community. In British Columbia there are thirteen Japanese, one Chinese and eight Indian groups, and at a C.G.I.T. rally in the Fraser Valley many of the girls attending came from Buddhist homes. If Japanese Christian women on the Pacific Coast can find time to give leadership to a C.G.I.T. group, surely this is a challenge to women in local Churches to support the work of Christian education of the girls of their own Church, of their own country and of other lands.

—*Evelyn Craw.*

MISSION BANDS

THE FAIRIES' GIFT

THREE fairies lived in tiny houses at the ends of the roots of a great oak tree. They loved the children of the world and wished to do something to make them happier. ''Let us travel the wide world over,'' said one, ''each finding some gift which seems to us the best thing in the world for the children.'' ''And let us come back in one month,'' said another, ''and bring what we have found.''

So, all invisible to me, away they travelled, each one going alone seeking her gift. The first fairy, whose name was Red Lips, came to the great ocean, where far out she saw a ship plunging and tossing in the storm until it seemed as if it must sink. Then Red Lips saw a life boat push out from the shore and brave men bring safely to land those who were in danger on the sea. ''BRAVERY is the best thing in the world,'' she cried, ''if children would be happy, they must be brave.''

Then she gathered of the red of the sunset and the red flowers growing in the meadow. Back in her home under the oak tree she spun and wove, until out of what she had gathered she made a glowing streamer all of red.

The second fairy, whose name was Blue Eyes, in her journey came into a school yard, where she watched the children at play, and then followed them into the school room. Honest they were and fair both in work and at play. In stores and banks Blue Eyes saw men honestly caring for the money of others as if it were their own, and she exclaimed, ''TRUTH is the best gift; children must be true if they would be happy.''

Away flew Blue Eyes, gathering as she went of the blue flowers beside the road, the blue of the evening sky, and the true blue of the eyes of a boy. Back in her home under the oak tree she spun and wove, until out of what she had gathered she made a wonderful streamer of blue.

The third fairy, whose name was White Cheeks, came into a room all of white, where beside a snowy crib a mother was lovingly watching her little one. White Cheeks murmured, ''The best thing in the world is PURITY. If the children are pure, they will be happy.''

So she gathered the whiteness of lilies and fleecy cloud. Then back in her home under the oak tree she spun and wove, until out of what she had gathered she made a magic streamer all of white.

The days passed and the fairies came together under the oak tree bringing their gifts. ''I,'' said Red Lips, ''bring this for the children. It says to all, 'Be brave, for bravery is the best thing in the world'.'' Then she flung out her streamer of red upon the ground.

''My gift says, 'Be pure, if you would be happy','' said White Cheeks, spreading her streamer of white upon the ground.

''Mine,'' cried Blue Eyes, ''is blue. I bring truth, for children must be true, if they would be happy.''

As they were looking at their gifts the fairy queen appeared before them and said, ''These three streamers, red, white and blue, that you have gathered as gifts for the children, are the three colours of the Union Jack. The British Empire expects her children to be brave, to be pure and to be true.''

—Adapted for Empire Day from a story by Nancy Lee Frayser.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. M. Moodie, 2719, 14th St. W., Calgary, Press Secretary

CALGARY P.S.—The annual meeting of the Calgary Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Calgary, on February 5th, Mrs. T. A. Rodger presiding at all sessions. Owing to the extreme cold weather many out-of-town delegates were unable to attend, but there was a good representation from the city Churches.

An impressive prayer service had been held the evening before in St. Andrew's Church. With Mrs. R. S. Gibson as leader, prayers were offered by many of the women on behalf of all our missionaries in the foreign field and, with Mrs. George Rae as leader, prayers for our home mission fields and new converts. Rev. A. Bright of Grace Church gave a thoughtful, inspiring talk on ''What Jesus had to teach on the subject of prayer.''

These annual prayer meetings of the Presbyterial reveal a consecrated spirit of true devotion and faith in our missionary cause.

The morning session of the convention was devoted chiefly to reports from the Auxiliaries and appointment of committees. In the afternoon reports from the various departments revealed a year of gratifying progress. The treasurer's report showing the allocation had been exceeded by $142.82 was received with joy. Bales of good clothing and other supplies had been sent north to mission schools and hospitals, and 594 pounds of magazines and books sent to settlers in isolated districts. Letters of appreciation were received from many of these lonely people. Mrs. A. Bright gave the dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. F. W. Allott, Provincial President, brought greetings from the Provincial as well as from the Macleod annual meeting from which she had just returned. Her short address was based on the text, ''She hath chosen the better part.'' Mrs. Allott always brings a message of cheer and encouragement which is so needful in these times. Miss Frieda Matthews, deaconess of Red Deer, gave stirring addresses at both afternoon and evening sessions. Speaking sympathetically from the text, ''Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me'', she gave intimate glimpses into the homes to which she is able to bring help and cheer. She also described the very fine work carried on by the young people, the Sunday Schools held, and the emergency needs which she was called upon to meet. In closing, Miss Matthews made an urgent appeal to the women to consecrate their lives anew to the service of the Master. Mrs. Rodger, in her Presidential address, after expressing pleasure at the gratifying reports submitted, gave a comprehensive survey of our Missionary Society from the Council Executive down to the Mission Band of the smallest Auxiliary, showing where each and all were dependent upon one another. Rev. T. A. Rodger installed the new officers.

The evening session was in charge of the young people, the members of the Mission Band, C.G.I.T. and Young Women's organizations who took part doing credit to their groups. Special mention should be made of the choruses so beautifully rendered by the Junior choir of St. Andrew's and the sketch given by a C.G.I.T. group from Grace Church. Through the generosity of Mrs. J. D. Gray, a Life Membership in memory of her daughter, Miss Elsie Gray, was presented to Mary Graham, a member of Knox Mission Band.

Edmonton P.S.—The work being done by the young people of Rupert Street Church, Edmonton, is greatly appreciated. The Mission Band has excelled in preparing gifts for the less fortunate children in outlying districts. They have also contributed to the Provincial and Presbyterial programmes by presenting missionary pageants. A girls' choir, of former Mission Band members, provides the music at the regular Church services.

In the W.C.T.U. elocution contests, too, honours have been carried off by some of these girls.

Rev. J. M. Fraser, Brownvale, visited the Edmonton and Calgary Auxiliaries in March. He presented the work of that northern district and told of the need for expansion, as well as for additional help. A missionary nurse was badly needed. He paid a glowing tribute to the work of Miss M. Todd, who was, he said, spending her time and energy to the limit.

At the March meeting of the Presbyterial executive Mrs. C. E. Fisher, of Grande Prairie, gave a detailed account of the work in that field.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S.—Vancouver Heights Auxiliary met at the home of one of the members for a social hour. Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Provincial President, and Mrs. Westbrook were present. Mrs. McLean came back as a guest of the Auxiliary she had organized. Mrs. A. Weir, President for six years, was presented with a Life Membership by Mrs. Acheson on behalf of the Society.

The Young Women's Auxiliary of this Church held a very successful guest night, assisted by the C.G.I.T. Over sixty were present to hear Mrs. Allan McIntosh tell of her work in Central Africa.

From Mount Lehman comes the news that they are forging ahead in their W.M.S. work in spite of the fact that they are few in number and that most of their members live a long distance from their place of meeting.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Kamloops, showed the lantern slides ''From Ocean Unto Ocean'' and the new Manchurian set on the evening of March 12th. The Church was filled with a most appreciative audience—girls from the C.G.I.T. group, children from the Mission Band, and a large number of boys from the Sunday School, as well as adult members of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Dickey managed the lantern, which had been kindly loaned by St. Paul's Anglican Church. The lecturette was read most acceptably by Miss Betty Whitecross.

Victoria P.S.—Very impressive services in observance of the World Day of Prayer were held afternoon and evening in Victoria; women of all denominations were in attendance and took part. The young women of the various city Churches had charge of the evening meeting. A deep spirit of reverence and fellowship characterized both afternoon and evening services.

A meeting of unusual interest was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, when the W.M.S. Auxiliary met to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. After the opening devotions, Mrs. A. A. McKinnon, Presbyterial President, in her address gave reminiscences of the work done in Kootenay Presbyterial which were much enjoyed. An interesting item of the programme was the reading of the minutes of the inaugural meeting. Amid the changes inevitable with the passing years—some members having moved out of the district and some having passed away—faithful and consistent service has been maintained, and with the present membership of twenty-five and four Home Helpers, the Auxiliary looks forward to a period of even greater helpfulness and activity in the service of the Master.

MANITOBA

Mrs. George Reynolds, 218 Young Street, Winnipeg, Press Secretary

WINNIPEG P.S.—The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Presbyterial was held in First Church, Winnipeg, on February 26th and 27th, with a large attendance of delegates and members. The President, Mrs. George Leckie, presided at all meetings. Devotions were taken at three sessions by the Auxiliaries of First, Old Kildonan and St. John's Churches. Greetings were brought from the Anglican W. A., Manitoba Provincial, and Superior Presbyterial.

Following the President's address on ''Faith and Hope, and Times of Discouragement'', departmental reports were received, Mrs. F. A. Gemmill giving the dedicatory prayer. A most interesting address was given by Mrs. A. M. L. Long on ''Our Indian Work'', and a chorus by First Church Mission Band. Miss Hazel Macdonald, deaconess, spoke on her work in Winnipeg.

The Wednesday evening meeting was in charge of Winnipeg Presbytery. Rev. J. H. Stewart, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings, and Rev. N. G. Smith gave an address on ''Our Missionary Obligations.'' Rev. W. M. Mackay, Synodical Missionary, spoke some encouraging words to the audience.

On Thursday after the election of officers and the installation prayer by Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. J. Stanley Flook gave the closing words.

Superior P.S.—Mrs. P. Cundy, Fort William, was re-elected President of Superior Presbyterial at the twenty-second annual meeting in First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur, on February 26th. Progress in missionary work was the key-note of reports presented, and an optimistic outlook for the future the theme of the addresses.

Reports showed 108 C.G.I.T. and 60 Y.W.A. members, 38 Home Helpers, more than 650 pounds of literature and 700 books distributed, 800 visits made by the Welcome and Welfare Department, 200 hospital calls, bales sent to Indian Residential Schools, and five Life Memberships conferred. Six Mission Bands reported, and Mission Bands and two C.G.I.T. groups took part in the programme. Bands from First

Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur, won the two banners presented for attendance and the highest percentage of givings, as reported in the April *Glad Tidings.*

Mrs. Cowan, of Fort Frances, spoke on the subject ''Go Forward'', pointing the way to greater achievements in the years to come. Judge McKay brought greetings from Presbytery, and Rev. J. Cowan spoke on the work of the Church.

Several resolutions were adopted: to put themselves on record as stressing the observance of the Lord's Day, deploring the opening of rinks, the holding of ski meets and Sunday midnight shows; to do all in their power through personal interest and example to further the cause of temperance; to pray, as organizations and as individuals, that the League of Nations, statesmen, and all peace study groups may look for guidance to the Heavenly Father, the Prince of Peace; and to send letters thanking the Ministerial Association of Thunder Bay and radio station CKPR for the morning devotions broadcast.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 166 HAMMERSMITH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

THE World Day of Prayer, it is reported, was faithfully observed and well attended throughout the Province.

The annual meeting of Kingston Presbyterial was held in Trenton, Mrs. W. A. Hunter, President, presiding. Rev. W. E. Kelley, minister of the Church, addressed the evening meeting on ''Missions in the South Seas.'' The ''Willing Workers'' Mission Band, Roslin, won the banner for 1935. Every eligible child in this congregation is a member of the Band, and they had a ninety-three per cent. attendance. Mrs. D. C. Hill is their leader.

At a supper meeting of the ''Catharine Fairlie'' Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Mrs. H. R. Duff, Honorary President, was presented with an Honorary Membership. Sharing in this gift were the Senior Auxiliary and members of the Church, with friends and missionary workers from all parts of Canada. The donors' names were inscribed in a friendship book given with the certificate and gold bar to Mrs. Duff who has since left for an extended visit in Germany.

A meeting of special interest took place in New Liskeard, Temiskaming Presbyterial, when each member took part in the Scripture reading. In answer to the roll call the name of a missionary was given with a brief sketch of her life and work. A social half hour was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

The Executive of North Bay Presbyterial met in Sudbury. Reports received were encouraging, financially and otherwise. Burks Falls Auxiliary did excellent work. They exceeded their allocation, as did the Mission Band, which held two special meetings attended by parents and friends. A boys' troop has been organized in connection with the Mission Band. Home Helpers increased their givings, too. All special meetings were interesting and helpful.

Glamis, an Associate Society in Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial, serve lunch at their regular meetings, a collection being taken for this. Two ladies are hostesses each time. They served a fowl supper, made comforters for sale, and sent a bale of clothing, quilts and blankets for the supplies.

The new Young Women's Auxiliary at Millbrook, Peterborough Presbyterial, are busy; besides their devotional programme, they are knitting and making a layette, always an intriguing piece of work.

Alvinston Auxiliary, Sarnia Presbyterial, have found a tea in conjunction with their regular meeting profitable in more ways than one. They cleared eleven dollars and secured several new members. They meet at two-thirty with an interesting programme, having everything ready in advance for the tea at three-thirty. With little tables attractively set, a tempting menu, a moderate price, and a musical programme, it could not help being a success.

A fine new Mission Band has been organized in Webbwood, Algoma Presbyterial, with twenty-two members under the leadership of Mrs. D. Holmes.

From an inspirational and business point of view, Ottawa Presbyterial annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, was a success, but the fact that their Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Graham, while presenting her report, suffered a stroke from which she died shortly after, cast a gloom over the sessions. Mrs. J. R. Hill and Mrs. C. H. Thorburn conducted a memorial service for Mrs. Graham, who will be sadly missed by the Society.

Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Brampton, addressed the Young People's session. Rev. Wm. Patterson, Moderator of Presbytery, conducted the evening meeting and brought greetings from Presbytery. Rev. F. W. Beare, Montreal College, gave an address on ''The Epic of Christianity.'' Rev. W. H. Leathem, D.D., spoke briefly. Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, on behalf of the Presbyterial, presented Mrs. J. R. Hill, their President, with an Honorary Membership. Their allocation was met. The question box proves a great boon to Ottawa Presbyterial.

Mrs. A. E. Toombs addressed the Peace meeting of Scott Auxiliary, St. John's Church, Toronto, telling of the need for more workers to spread the gospel of peace in India. Her two small daughters, in costume, sang a hymn in Hindi. Miss A. Booth, home from China, told of a missionary held by brigands seizing the opportunity to preach the gospel to his captors. Tea was served from tables displaying foods of various countries, each in charge of a member. Mrs. R. Wallace, President, presided.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Provincial Women's Missionary Society was held in First Church, Regina, on March 25th and 26th. Mrs. H. R. Horne presided at all sessions. There was a fair representation from the different Presbyterials. As there had been no annual meeting held for two years the delegates seemed to appreciate more than ever the opportunity of meeting together to discuss the problems of the work. A most happy atmosphere of mutual goodwill and hope pervaded all sessions.

Miss P. B. Lamont contributed in no small measure to the effectiveness of the meetings and all were delighted to have her among us again with her wise counsel and kindly encouragement. Rev. S. Farley extended a welcome to the visiting delegates and brought greetings from the Synod of Saskatchewan. Rev. C. MacKay Cameron, of Northside Church, Regina, conducted the Scripture reading and prayer. Rev. James Evans, of Indian Head and Qu'Appelle, gave the address on Wednesday evening, on ''Dictators of the Hour''. He compared the policy of Jesus with that of dictators in past and present history. Jesus chose to give His people a message of peace rather than to accept the power offered Him by the people; the dictators chose the latter and are either now forgotten or soon to be so, while Jesus and His teaching still live in the hearts of the people.

The Corresponding Secretary in her report pictured present world conditions, pointing out the great challenge which they hold for the women of our Church and our Women's Missionary Society to renewed devotion and consecration in advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. Mrs. Ralston said, ''It is the tremendous task of our Society to help the Church bring about that atmosphere of peace, goodwill and love which casteth out all fear.''

A most interesting item on Wednesday afternoon's programme was a summary of our Society's undertakings from 1925 up to the present by Mrs. R. B. Fergusson, historian. Mrs. Fergusson gave a delightful résumé in which she emphasized the outstanding features of this period. All departmental Secretaries presented interesting and comprehensive reports of a very high order. Mrs. James McAra installed the newly elected officers.

The devotional periods during the day sessions were in charge of Prince Albert, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon Presbyterials. The delegates were entertained at luncheon on both days in the lecture hall of the Church by the Regina ladies.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary, of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, had a very interesting programme for their March meeting when Mrs. D. M.

Yule led the discussion— ''Nationalism and the world economic crisis''. The devotional talk was on ''Paul the Undiscourageable and Paul the Bible Student''.

Reports from various points in the province have come to hand concerning the World Day of Prayer service. A wider interest has been evident at these meetings which were better attended than in previous years. In Moose Jaw services were held in the afternoon by the women, and in the evening there was a service for youth. In Regina afternoon services were held in four churches. At four-thirty there was a united service for girls in First Presbyterian Church, and in the same Church in the evening the young women united in prayer.

Mrs. H. R. Langille was the speaker at the December meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian Church, Moose Jaw, when she gave a carefully prepared paper on the work of the Society for the past ten years. In recognition of this a beautiful and inspiring ceremony was conducted in lighting the candles which were dedicated to outstanding contributions made during that time. The dedications were made by Mrs. D. M. Craig, to the Church; Mrs. George Ross, to the pioneers; Mrs. A. C. MacLennan, to Miss Lily Simpson, of Jhansi, India, the first missionary to be sent from the Moose Jaw Presbyterial; Mrs. J. McKinley, to the absent members; and Mrs. F. C. Toole, to the C.G.I.T. and Mission Band. The cake was cut by Mrs. J. H. Drynan, president of the Auxiliary for the first five years. The devotional period was led by Mrs. W. Kelly. The installation prayer was offered by Rev. R. McKnight.

The C.G.I.T. group of Knox Church, Moose Jaw, held a very impressive affiliation service at which a candle lighting ceremony took place. Mrs. George Ross, the oldest member, presented the birthday cake on which were ten candles to mark the tenth year of the W.M.S.

Prince Albert P.S.—The ladies of the ''James Nisbet'' Auxiliary, Prince Albert, are following the programme as outlined in the January issue of *Glad Tidings*. A large attendance at the Thank-offering meeting was very encouraging. This meeting took the form of an imaginary airplane trip to Japan, the lecture hall being prettily decorated to represent a Japanese kindergarten. At the close of the programme young ladies dressed in Japanese costume invited the ladies to their tea garden, which was bright with spring flowers and Japanese lanterns.

An interesting feature of the January meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Tisdale, was the presentation of a Life Membership certificate to Mrs. T. Tuck, a member much admired and esteemed. At each meeting a chapter from ''Miracle Lives in China'', by Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Goforth, is discussed. The programme as arranged in *Glad Tidings* is also followed.

Treasurer's Statement

March 31st, 1936

RECEIPTS

Strabane Auxiliary ‘‘Mildred Soutar Memorial’’	$ 4.00
Refund from South Porcupine including Government grant	981.99
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Quebec	350.00
Ontario	4,200.00
	$5,535.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 404.16
Vegreville	265.00
Chinese in Canada	879.64
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	599.98
Birtle Indian School	646.98
Mistawasis Indian Day School	45.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
New Liskeard	70.83
Saskatoon	75.00
Vegreville	225.82
Welcome and Welfare	1,268.83
Publications	677.16
Organization	900.30
Lantern Slides	1.50
Library	14.24
Deputation	97.06
Pensions	116.66
Supplies	1.08
Candidates	10.00
India:	
Bhil Field	57.50
Jhansi Field	3,451.25
Formosa	592.48
South China	333.33
British Guiana	385.00
League of Nations	10.00
Canadian School of Missions	100.00
Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home	100.00
Knox College	100.00
Exchange	585.30
Administration	754.43
	$12,843.53

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Estate of Miss Mary Weir, Hamilton, Ont.	$3,000.00
Special Fund—	
Rent of Residence at Prince Albert, Sask.	40.00
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Address of the Governor-General of Canada

TO THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL SOCIETY, APRIL 21

AS an elder of the Church of Scotland and a son of a Scottish manse, I am glad to be among my fellow Presbyterians. I think it may be claimed that our Church is in the fullest sense a missionary Church and has a noble record behind it. There was a time when Presbyterianism was famous chiefly for its subtle disputes upon minute points of doctrine. I think that time has passed. Our preoccupation to-day is with more urgent matters, the method by which a spiritual gospel can be used to leaven human society and the secular state.

Of missions, as one of the first Christian duties, there can be no criticism. A long time ago at the General Assembly of our Scottish Church there was a foolish attack on them on the ground that they meant the neglect of more vital domestic matters. A famous divine of that day, Dr. John Erskine, began his defence by turning to the Moderator and saying, ''Rax me that Bible.'' The appeal to the Scriptures is final. There is no duty more unequivocal or more solemnly enjoined by the Word of God.

But as a layman I would like to say a few words on the more secular aspect of the subject, and I wish to suggest to you two reflections.

Missions have been criticized in the past on the ground that they were often a political and social irritant. We hear less of that criticism to-day. The fact is that we are faced in almost every quarter of the globe with a multitude of violent political and social irritants. These irritants are secular—they have nothing to do with religion. The culture and the commercialism of the West have irrupted into remote and backward lands, bringing not peace but a sword. The only counteractive which the West can give is the Christian spirit, to transform and humanize the whole outlook on life. The West has given its poison and it must provide the antidote. It has made the wound and must provide the healing. As I see it, the Christian faith in these lands is the only possible bridge between the old world and the new.

This is the first reflection I offer you. The second is this. In earlier days the missionary was alone in his task. He had to solve problems of the utmost difficulty, more or less on his own, for the country where he worked might be little known to the world at large, and he had few chances of expert advice and help in his labours. Since the War we have realized the meaning of the interconnection of all peoples, and to cope with new ferments we have created the League of Nations. If the League of Nations means anything, it means that all civilized governments have to undertake tasks which in the past were left to the Church and to the missionaries. They have accepted a solemn moral responsibility, and Churches and governments are now united as partners in the same duty. The hope of the world lies in the success of this partnership. But internationalism will not succeed unless it acquires much of the purpose and spirit of the old missionary. We have realized the economic unity of the globe, but that is not enough. There is a spiritual interconnection as well as an economic. For world peace and world prosperity the soul is more important than the body.

The two main dangers in the world to-day are a narrow nationalism which would sever a people from the commonwealth of nations, and a narrow materialism which would interpret life only in terms of a shallow economics. To-day there is a terrible amount of false doctrine about in the world. Now there is only one cure for false doctrine. Not repression, not persecution; that only makes it flourish the more. A false doctrine can only be ousted by a true doctrine. The true weapon with which to fight the crudities of Communism and a bigoted nationalism is the profundity and spirituality of the Christian faith. There is need to-day, as never before, for the preaching of the Word. The League of Nations will only fulfil its task, if, side by side with it, there is another and a spiritual League of Nations, a universal acceptance of the Gospel of Peace.

To-day we are passing through a severe economic crisis. Missions are suffering, like other things. I must say—and here I speak from knowledge of my own Church—that the conduct of missionaries seems to me to have been nothing less than heroic. They have voluntarily offered reductions in their meagre salaries in order that their work may continue. That is a sacrifice which surely, in common decency, we cannot accept. It is a platitude to say that the future of the League of Nations depends upon an abiding popular interest in its work. It will fail if it is a league only of governments and diplomats. It must be a league of peoples. In the same way the ideal of that other and more vital League of Nations can only be realized if the duty of propagating Christianity is admitted by the *peoples* of every Christian land—if missionary work is seen not as an enterprise of a remote ecclesiastical body, but as an intimate and urgent duty incumbent upon every man and woman who desires to see peace upon earth, and to follow the direct command of our Lord.

Our problem to-day is largely a problem of ways and means. The first University I ever attended, the ancient University of Glasgow, had for its motto, I remember, *Via Veritas Vita*—the Way, the Truth and the Life—the most august words ever spoken in the hearing of mankind. These words form a motto for every honest human undertaking, and they form a supreme motto for the Christian Church. We have the *Life* surging around us, life full of vigour and fine quality. I do not think that ever before in history has there been more good-will implicit in the community, or finer natural impulses, or a more honest desire to find and follow honourable ideals. We have the *Truth*—our Christian faith purged of many false accretions, and the stronger and the purer because of its simplicity. Our business now is to find the *Way,* the means by which we can direct the life that is in us and make the Truth in which we believe manifest to the world. That is the task which your Society has set before it, and in which I wish you god-speed.

Editorial

An Offer Gratefully Accepted

THE Council Executive is glad to announce that Dr. Effie Winchester, Toronto, a daughter of Rev. A. B. Winchester, D.D., is joining the W.M.S. staff in India, although at present she does not feel free to commit herself beyond the five and a half year term. The Council Executive was led to accept most gratefully Dr. Winchester's offer of a term's service as a medical missionary to the Bhil field not only because of what she herself is and of what is known of her medical work and her deep interest in missions but also because of the fact that the Jobat Hospital is now without any doctor and the consequent strain on the two nurses is too great. Before making this appointment, our Board consulted with the Board of Missions who agreed unanimously that she be sent. It is hoped that the term of service may lengthen out beyond the five and a half years.

The Chinese in Canada

SPEAKING to the Council Executive on May 5th of his work among the Chinese, Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese Missions in Canada under our Church, emphasized the fact that the great task of the Church in any work among new Canadians was to develop leaders among the people themselves. Presbyteries cannot take the deep personal interest that those in actual contact with the newcomers can. One of the good things, he said, being done by the Women's Missionary Society is the training of leaders among the Chinese. He spoke highly of the way in which Miss Lilyan Leung, Miss Lily Yeung, Mr. Solomon Leung, and Dr. David Lee are taking their places as responsible leaders. One of the great difficulties is to find work for the educated Chinese young people; too often there is nothing except work in restaurants and laundries. Prejudices are being broken down, however, and a new spirit is evident,—last year three more hospitals opened their doors to Chinese women.

The Need in Barwani

AFTER a year's furlough in Canada Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Toombs, of Barwani, India, will soon be returning to their field. Having completed his theological course at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Mr. Toombs will go back as an ordained missionary. In introducing Mr. and Mrs. Toombs at the Council Executive meeting on April 28th, Mrs. McMurrich asked them to speak of their work in Barwani and of any way the Women's Missionary Society might be of service.

To Mrs. Toombs the expansion of her work in the dispensary brought both joy and sorrow—joy that so many people were turning to them for medical help, and sorrow that the heavy cost of medicine and other supplies made it impossible to meet all demands. In relieving physical ills, Mrs. Toombs found an opportunity to preach the Gospel not only to the sick but also to the families and friends who came with them, and gradually many homes have been opened to the missionaries. State officials, too, have been more sympathetic since they realized that Hindus, as well as Christians, were being helped. So heavy had the financial burden become that the dispensary had had to be closed in the afternoon, many who needed help being thus turned away. Sometimes, however, those who came long distances stayed over night and were given medicine in the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Toombs both felt that the Society could assist very effectively by giving a grant to make it possible to carry on the dispensary and the medical work which is so greatly needed. In his evangelistic work Mr. Toombs often found people, even in distant villages, ready to listen to his message because some of their number had been helped at the dispensary. Any missionary—doctor, nurse, or teacher—no matter to what field of labour she may be sent, should have an evangelistic outlook. A nurse evangelist would render valuable service in the great virgin territory of Barwani—greater in extent than the other Indian fields combined—where now Mr. and Mrs. Toombs were working alone. The need of assistance will be even greater now that Mr. Toombs is to open up work in South Barwani.

Mrs. Ballantyne Resigns

ON April 7th Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne tendered to the Council Executive her resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of Publications. In accepting the resignation on April 21st, the Council Executive wished Mrs. Ballantyne every success, feeling sure that her undoubted ability would find wider scope in a different type of work.

Half-Yearly Rate for the ''Glad Tidings''

IT has been customary to give a half-yearly subscription rate for the *Glad Tidings,* from the summer until the end of the year. The decision of the Council Executive is that this rate—twenty cents, if sent in a parcel to one address, twenty-five cents, if mailed separately—shall begin with the July-August number of the magazine. It should, of course, be understood that back numbers—January to June—cannot be sent at the lower rate; if the numbers for the full year are desired, the regular subscription is to be paid.

THE sympathy of all our members goes out to Miss Frieda Matthews, deaconess of Red Deer, Alberta, in the loss of her mother, Mrs. T. H. Matthews, of Stirling, Ontario, who died in April.

MISS ROBERTA SMITH, who was serving as deaconess-at-large in Vancouver, has been transferred to Northern Ontario, where she is at present working in Algoma Presbyterial.

CHEQUES

By Mrs. Daniel Strachan

WITH the resignation of the Secretary-Treasurer of Publications comes the necessity of rearrangement in the making out of cheques in the *Glad Tidings* and Publications Department and this gives me as General Treasurer an opportunity to say something that I have for long wished to say regarding the making out of cheques throughout our Society.

In sending forward money by cheque, whether in Auxiliary, Presbyterial, or to Council Executive, no cheque should be made payable to the person herself but to the office she holds. For instance, no cheque should ever come to me made out to Helen M. Strachan, but to the Treasurer of the W.M.S. In this number of *Glad Tidings* you will see how cheques for *Glad Tidings* and for Literature are to be sent. But no Auxiliary Treasurer should send a cheque made out to the name of the Presbyterial Treasurer, but to the Treasurer of ———— Presbyterial; the same with remittances from Presbyterial Treasurers to Provincial Treasurers. The same also applies to all cheques to other officers of the Society.

The Missionary on Furlough

WITH the approach of summer come thoughts of vacation, and the attention of the Council Executive turns to those missionaries who at this season are coming home on furlough.

The missionary on the field leads a very busy life, especially as the unrest and discontent of the present offer new opportunities of service, although additional workers can too seldom be sent out. When one remembers the nature of the work and the conditions under which it is carried on it requires but little imagination to understand why, when the time comes for her furlough, the missionary all too often returns home exhausted, physically and mentally. The missionary of to-day cannot go to another country to impose upon its people her own way of living and thinking; she must try to understand them and their traditions. Only those who have lived and worked in the midst of a people whose whole background, whose whole view of life differs from ours realize just how difficult it may be to arrive at the necessary sympathetic understanding—to see, as one must learn to see, the others' point of view, and what mental strain may result from a long period of such effort. That strain, none the less trying because it may be for long unconscious, becomes doubly severe when unsettled political and economic conditions such as have obtained in most countries in recent years create a tension which is full of danger, especially where international relations are involved.

Experience has proved the wisdom of granting a furlough after five and a half years' service. How is that furlough to be spent? Sensible of its responsibility for the workers and the work, our Society has ruled that ''no missionary shall undertake deputation work for three months after her arrival home'', circumstances in individual cases determining whether or not that period of rest should be extended, for even after the three months she must be protected—perhaps, in spite of herself—from overstrain.

There is, of course, the other aspect of the furlough—the benefit derived by the home Church. It is through the missionary coming directly from the field that those at home have the closest contact with their missionary work and obtain the most valuable information on its conditions and needs. Contact with ''real, live missionaries'' who speak of what they know will arouse interest in missions as nothing else will. The Church and the missionary groups throughout Canada do need the information and the inspiration the missionary alone can give, while the missionary is, at least, as anxious to deliver the message as they are to receive it. How, then, can she get the rest, the ''re-creation'', she needs, and also bring her direct message from the field to as many as possible at home?

Much can be done with thoughtful planning. The members of the Council Executive sometimes feel that the cities get more than their share of speakers, that the missionary is more needed in the smaller towns and the country districts, and that she should therefore go more to rural sectional meetings. Indeed, city groups might arrange to hear her at a rural meeting rather than expect the people outside to come to the cities. Instead of being asked to speak at several meetings in one district—sometimes at two or three in one day—she might speak at a larger meeting at some central point where people from the surrounding district could come to hear her. In this way she would have less travelling as well as less speaking. Then when she is to speak in a city with several Churches, the members of these might unite so that she could address one meeting instead of going to each Church, and sometimes to two or three organizations in one Church, thus dissipating her energies so that, in the end, she may leave Canada to begin another term of service more exhausted than she was before her ''rest''. The Council Executive would, therefore, ask those who are planning meetings to show the utmost consideration for the missionary, for her health and comfort, so that she may not only be able to give them of her best, but may, at the end of her furlough, go back to her field refreshed in body, mind and spirit.

CANDIDATES DEPARTMENT

IN November Miss Margaret Anne McKenzie, B.A., of Woodbridge, Ontario, was accepted for training with a view to school work in Jhansi, India. It was hoped Miss McKenzie could begin her missionary preparation in January of this year, but that was not possible. Now it is expected that she will enter the Training Home in the coming autumn, and will be ready for India in the autumn of 1937.

During the year the following appointments were made to National work, through this department: Miss Mabel M. Booth, deaconess, of Toronto, appointed to part time service in the Ukrainian Mission, Toronto; Miss Winona F. Blackwell, teacher, of Brandon, Manitoba, to the staff of the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba; Miss Irene McRae, nurse, of Wellwood, Manitoba, to the staff of the Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora, Saskatchewan; Miss Mollie O. Harback, nurse, of Claresholm, Alberta, to the staff of the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, Alberta; Miss Evelyn M. Lamb, teacher, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, to the primary department of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ontario; Miss Pearl M. Campbell, of Kenora, Ontario, to the position of supervisor in the same School; Miss Helen P. Madill, nurse, of Melancthon, Ontario, to nursing service in the Brownvale district, Alberta, and Mrs. Mary Hilliard, of Winnipeg, appointed as matron in the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba.

In the February issue of the *Glad Tidings*, the Overseas calls for 1936 were listed and briefly explained. As a result, letters of inquiry and application are now coming in. The year closes, however, without any response to the repeated calls for medical women—one for Formosa and one for Japan.

Thy Blessing, Lord, On All Vacation Days

Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days!
For weary ones who seek the quiet ways,
Fare forth beyond the thunder of the street,
The marvel of Emmaus Road repeat;
Thy comradeship so graciously bestow
Their hearts shall burn within them as they go.

Grant those who turn for healing to the sea
May find the faith that once by Galilee
Flamed brighter than the glowing fire of coals.
And when Thou hast refreshed their hungry souls,
Speak the old words again, beside the deep,
Bid all who love Thee, Master, feed Thy sheep!

Be Thou with those who bide where mountains rise,
Where yearning earth draws nearest to the skies!
Give them the peace, the courage that they ask;
New strength to face the waiting valley task,
New light to lead through shrouding valley haze!
Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days!

—*Molly A. Haley.*

National Mission Work

PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENCES

THE year 1935 has seen changes in the department of Presbyterian Residences, two of them having been closed, the Girls' Residence at Vegreville and the Lucy Baker at Prince Albert.

Vegreville.—After twenty-two years of devoted work Miss McKee retired from our staff and, as the number of pupils had been very much reduced and the children were all young, it was thought that with some rearrangement all might be accommodated under Miss Isabel Gibson in the Boys' Residence, which is much the larger of the two.

During the past year there were twelve boys and ten girls in attendance from January to June, and, after the summer holidays, thirteen boys and seven girls. There is a devotional period morning and evening, and all the children attend the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, some of them singing in the choir. The Mission Band meets once a month. All have certain household duties and the boys help in the garden. Enough vegetables were grown to supply their needs for the winter and spring months.

Tribute must again be paid to the efficiency of Mrs. Miller, our very economical house helper, who canned 750 quarts of vegetables, fruit and jam. The bales received from various Presbyterials were greatly appreciated; their contents have helped out many needy families.

We would express to Miss McKee our deepest gratitude for her untiring efforts on our behalf, in carrying on the work of the Master. Only eternity will reveal how far her influence has reached.

Prince Albert.—During the last few years of depression the attendance at the Prince Albert Residence gradually decreased till it was felt that some frontier field might be found where a home, away from home, would be more appreciated by Presbyterian parents anxious for their children's education and welfare. At the end of June, therefore, the Lucy Baker Residence was closed. The house was rented and most of the furniture sent to other institutions under our care.

Miss Macdonald, our Superintendent, was a wonderful manager, as reference to the Treasurer's statement will show, but circumstances, in the long run, proved too much for her. We render to her our heartfelt thanks for her perseverance. Her reward is in the many letters received from girls who passed through the Residence and who tell her of what their sojourn there has meant to them.

Saskatoon.—This Residence has had another very busy year under Miss Elizabeth Geddes. The house has been full to overflowing, every available spot being given up for sleeping accommodation, except the common room. There are both business girls and students living here, but the students are gradually increasing in number, so that the Residence is again fulfilling its original purpose.

The Blue Banner class meets every Sunday afternoon and during the past year studied the Parables of Jesus and missions in Formosa. Two girls teach in one of the Sunday Schools, one of them playing the piano; another teaches in Miss Ross's school, and one in a Chinese class. Thus they are learning to give out something of what they have received.

A very successful summer school was again held,—the beds received from the Lucy Baker Residence proving a great boon then. Miss Geddes speaks of the high standard of the lectures and studies and of the enjoyment and profit received from them. She also speaks very appreciatively of her household; and her household would, no doubt, be glad to speak as appreciatively of her.

New Liskeard.—The school opened in January with an enrolment of thirteen, but after some consideration it was thought best to have girls only in the New Liskeard Residence, and the attendance dropped to nine. Most of the pupils were successful in the June examinations.

Miss Robertson reports that morning and evening devotions are conducted at the table, everyone taking part in the morning worship. The girls attend the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning and also the girls' Bible class.

Sincere thanks are expressed to those who have contributed to the Residence during the year.

Huntingdon.—During 1935 there was an attendance of seventeen, seven girls and ten boys,—from St. Andrew's East, Fort Coulonge, Montreal, Verdun and Lachine. The work, Mrs. Gouldthorpe reports, goes on as in past years with daily attendance at school and regular attendance on Sunday at St. Andrew's Church and Sunday School. The girls are also active in C.G.I.T. and Mission Band. Every pupil was successful in the June examinations, three girls getting junior matriculation and two winning cash prizes of $15.00 and $5.00.

The usual supply of linen, towels, etc., was provided by the Montreal Presbyterial. The Quebec Presbyterial sent $5.00 for fruit, Athelstan Mission Band sent vegetables and the Y.W. Auxiliary five quarts of preserved fruit. The ladies of Montreal Presbyterial also sent a Christmas gift for each boy and girl, thus making a happy ending for the year 1935. Thanks are sent to all who have helped in any way.

HOSPITALS

THE number of our hospitals has been decreased by the sale of the one at South Porcupine, Ontario. Owing to the activity of the mines and the growth of the settlements around them, the medical men of the district asked that the hospital should be enlarged, but the Council Executive felt that it would not be wise to undertake this. The municipality's offer to purchase the hospital was accepted, and on September 1st the sale was completed and another chapter of the work of the W.M.S. closed. It is hoped that the money thus received may be used to establish small hospital units in frontier places where the need is very great.

Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.—The Superintendent, Miss A. L. McPherson, reports fewer patients than in 1934, but hospital days much the same, with more serious cases requiring longer treatment. There were 153 medical, 112 surgical, and 51 obstetrical cases, making 316 in all. Collections have not been so good, many of the farmers having had their grain so badly frozen that they could not give even produce.

The hospital and nurses' home have both been painted and a dark room built for the development of the X-ray pictures, the janitor doing most of the carpenter work necessary. The installing of a new model shock-proof Victor X-ray machine has been a great asset to the hospital and the Superintendent wishes to express her appreciation. She also wishes to thank the Hospital Aid for their generous gifts and for the innumerable ways in which they have helped to make the hospital brighter, more comfortable, and more efficient. Thanks are due, too, to the different Presbyterials for supplies and to the people of the town who do not forget the needs of those in sickness and sorrow, especially at Christmas time. When the Girls' Residence was closed, the piano, which had been a memorial gift from one of our W.M.S. members in the East, was moved to the nurses' home and has been a source of much pleasure to all in the house.

Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.—Miss Cuddy, the Superintendent, reports an increase in the number of admissions, with the increase mainly in maternity cases. There were 819 cases in all, an increase of 40. Collections here have been poor, too, owing to crop failure, but it is felt that most of the accounts will be paid as soon as there is money with which to pay them. Owing to financial conditions, some organizations have given less assistance in installing and replacing equipment, but the Hospital Aid of Canora finished the payment on the operating table, installed a small electric sterilizer for emergency work, and replaced the cook-stove, at a total cost of about four hundred dollars. The supplies have come in splendidly and, with the increase in the number of babies, the infant garments were more than welcome. The children's ward was well supplied with scrap books and toys during the year. Miss Cuddy says: ''To one and all who have given their support in keeping our work at Canora we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation. The community needs this service and the people are appreciative of what is being done for them by the Women's Missionary Society. We can only say, 'Thank you for another year's support of our work'.''

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

FROM almost every standpoint the year has been a good one in the W.M.S. Indian Schools. On the whole, health has been better and attendance in the classroom, therefore, more regular. The lowering of the school age to 16, except in very special cases, shortens the period of training.

Too much cannot be said for the Principals and staffs, all so faithful and devoted. They seek to inculcate in the children habits of cleanliness, health and good conduct, to develop social instincts and the spirit of fair play, and to exemplify the Christ life to these first Canadians. The school life is all too brief for such training. Let no one say that Indian work has no results. Lives changed and given new motives are sufficient answer.

The greatest handicap is the lack of contact and follow-up work when school days are over. Deaconesses could do much in this regard. Had we even Alumni groups of the Residential School graduates, which would require, at first, small grants for postage and programme arrangements, some stimulus might result.

The matrimonial virus has been working again in the staffs. Two of our teachers at Birtle, Mr. Crane and Miss E. Blackwell, for long a primary teacher, left to be married. Miss Gadd, for thirteen or fourteen years on the staff, married the son of the Principal. At Cecilia Jeffrey Miss M. Wood, for seven years a primary teacher, has also joined this company.

To all these young people, who have given unusually fine service, the W.M.S. extends its best wishes for happiness.

Thanks to our Candidates Committee, the vacancies have been filled by the appointment of Miss Winona Blackwell, Mr. Angus McLeod and Mrs. Hilliard at Birtle and of Miss Lamb and Miss Campbell at Kenora.

Mistawasis Day School, Sask.—Twenty-three children were on the roll this year, the largest number since the opening of the school, with an average attendance of 10 treaty children and 5 non-treaty children. At noon a hot nourishing meal is served to them; for overseeing this, Mrs. Moore must be given thanks. It means a great deal to those coming long distances over country roads and Mrs. Moore never wearies in this good work. The Indian Agent supplemented W.M.S. grants by $5.00 worth of groceries. Friday afternoon is spent in sewing underclothes and knitting stockings. Yarn and flannelette are supplied also by the Indian Agent.

The Sunday School and Junior Missionary Society have been carried on with interest and success. Rev. Mr. Moore has continued his double work of preaching and teaching five days a week in the public school room. The department did some repair work, but the school is too crowded. The older pupils are sent, as in previous years, to Birtle, where they are doing good work and are very happy.

Young squaw carrying papoose in cradle

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont. — One hundred and fifty-three are in attendance, 77 boys and 76 girls, an increase of 9. Grants are received for 145. Two passed the Entrance and are attending high school, and two are studying art. Thirty-nine were baptized during the year. Fifty pupils have completed the course as outlined for the Progress Diploma for Scripture memorization.

The band has made splendid progress and most of the boys and girls can now read music. Two of the school choirs competed in the Music Festival and their work was highly commended by the adjudicator.

We wish to express appreciation of the interest taken in the school by the Student Missionary at Kenora, as shown in his letters as well as his work. He says of the children: ''About the beginning of the year they began the memory work for the diplomas at the C. J. School. One girl of 15 has completed all but the catechism and others are making excellent progress.''

The Grand Jury report declares the school well managed. It draws attention to the need of caulking the windows and repairing the septic tank, which we have reported to the Government, who is responsible.

Birtle Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man.—One hundred and twenty-three are enrolled. A Students' Council has been organized which advises on the punishment of misdemeanours. It has already proved itself well worth while.

The play life, always a problem, was helped by an outdoor rink so that skating and hockey added to the joys of the winter season. Great was the enthusiasm when the school was victorious in a game to which the town hockey team of boys of the same age challenged them. Football and baseball are gaining in favour. Boy Scouts have been organized by Mr. McLeod who is doing good work with them. Miss Eva Lynch of Birtle comes in one evening a week to teach singing.

Worship is held after breakfast every morning in the children's dining-room and every evening in the chapel. Fourteen united with the Church last year.

All this has meant a great deal of work. One of the staff says of the Principal: "Mr. Lockhart is so busy he never gets a chance to sit down; he is on the go from early morning till late at night, watching and caring for so many sorts of things, all necessary and many unexpected, as must always be the case where so many boys and girls are living." We are glad Mrs. Lockhart has made a good recovery from her serious illness.

The Joint Committee representing all denominations interested in Indian work met with representatives of both the Conservative and the Liberal Governments in Ottawa to discuss various questions of mutual interest. It meets on call of the Chairman when necessary. This committee suffered a great loss in the passing of one of our three Presbyterian representatives, Dr. A. S. Grant, the Chairman. He was so ready in counsel and his opinion carried great weight. Canon Gould has been elected to fill the vacancy.

The Secretary would like to express appreciation to all who sent supplies to these schools; also to the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, particularly to Dr. McGill, always so understanding; to Indian Agents in districts where our schools are and to all who study and work and pray for this department.

CHINESE IN CANADA

VICTORIA.—In the work of Miss Scott and Miss Lee there have been no outstanding changes but steady progress in all branches. The 34 kindergarten children have had a happy year, singing hymns in Chinese and English, with a Bible story every day. They are encouraged to attend Sunday School and Mission Band. Four days a week Miss

Scott has an afternoon school, twice a week women's meetings are held, and one afternoon is devoted to teaching English. ''The Shining Lights'', Girl Guides and Y.P.S. meet regularly. The girls sewed for the supplies, and helped make and fill 200 bags for the Christmas concert, besides making their costumes for a play. At their monthly meeting the Musical Club study the composers' lives. The Mission Band, with 34 members, studied ''Big Ships and Little People'', ''Friends Around the World'', and stories from ''Boys and Girls of India'', and *Glad Tidings*. The Sunday School, with an enrolment of 98, has an earnest conscientious Superintendent in Mr. Wong Mah.

Vancouver.—Miss Yeandle and Mrs. Louie report a year of much encouragement. The 77 kindergarten children have learned Scripture verses and hymns. There was real cause for thankfulness in the return of some children whom we thought we had lost. We are very grateful for the voluntary assistance of Miss I. Bennett. Literature is being sent to families in the province who are not connected with any Church. This new work, we hope, will be blessed and grow. Mission Band members received special awards in the Presbyterial memory contest. We would thank Miss Myrtle Sellers, Miss Elsie Potter, Mr. Howard and Ted McPhee, for helping with the intermediate and senior boys and girls. The Y.P.S., under Moses Long, is a fine group of Christian young people, actively interested in the Church. Eight girls attended a summer camp in W. Vancouver directed by Mrs. D. E. Smith, and

W.M.S. Auxiliary, Chinese Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B.C.

two boys went to Keats Island. Mrs. Louie has as usual visited the people, especially those in trouble. Ships are met, and people returning to China given Bibles and tracts. The W.M.S. Auxiliary with 10 members raised $17.37.

Saskatchewan.—Mrs. Farley reports that Miss Macarthur's survey is very helpful. Literature has been sent out fortnightly, the Primary Department of a Sarnia S.S. paying for Primary papers for this work ($14.40).

Toronto.—Work here is progressing steadily under Miss Armstrong, Miss Yeung and Miss Lambert. Miss Armstrong's car is kept busy taking children to kindergarten, mothers and children to clinics, doctors' and dentists' offices. We wish to thank Dr. Stenhouse for continuing to give advice and time. St. Andrew's Church and the Supply Department furnished needed layettes; St. Andrew's gave cut-out garments for the ladies to make, and granted the young people the use of their gymnasium one evening a week. Mrs. Ma's Sunday class has been well attended and we are grateful to Miss Gunn for her assistance. The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Auxiliary was very successful; of the proceeds $30.00 was donated to the W.M.S. and $10.00 to the Y.M.C.I., the balance going to Christian work in China. The Y.P.S. visited Rogers, Wychwood and Todmorden Churches, and three members accompanied Miss Armstrong to the Galt Convention in October. Miss Jean MacMurchy is still carrying on the C.G.I.T. work. The Scouts and Cubs are doing splendidly under Mr. Haines and two other young men from Chalmers Church. The Mission Band with 40 members contributed $2.00 to the W.M.S. A very fine Vacation School was held, with the older children under Mr. Lore in the Chinese School and the Junior Department under Miss Nan Kelman, for whose assistance during Miss Armstrong's absence we were very grateful. Mr. George Mark presided at the closing. Mr. Lore's Chinese School is a great asset to our work: it helps the discipline greatly and centralizes the work in our Mission. In October we lost one of our most devoted helpers, Mrs. C. E. Gilbert; so far we have not found anyone to take her place. The Christmas concert was the best we have had, and the gifts from the Supply Department were splendid. The Sunday School at Cooke's Church is well attended, but needs more teachers. The kindergarten children sang at the anniversary of Victoria Church Sunday School.

Brockville.—Miss Davies, with her God-given zeal, is still working early and late among our Chinese friends, distributing literature, layettes, and supplies of all kinds. She visited Kingston, Gananoque, Perth, Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, Montreal, and Morrisburg, and spoke at Mountain, Merrickville, Fairfield, Tincap and Lansdowne. Chinese people come to her from all over Canada for advice.

Ottawa.—Miss Reid visits the Chinese women regularly. The Christmas concert was a happy event. Irene Jue and her three-year-old sister won a prize, singing ''Away in a Manger'' in Chinese and English over the radio. When Lord Baden-Powell visited Ottawa last year a Chinese boy was chosen to carry the flag. Miss Reid secured the services of a teacher for a Chinese boy who had to leave school, so that he got his McGill entrance.

Windsor.—Miss Melrose's class meets fortnightly for Bible study. They had Hallowe'en and Christmas parties for 25 children. Hon. David Croll, a good friend of the Chinese people, sent each child a bag of candy.

Montreal.—Owing to a change of policy, all our activities are now centred in the Y.M.C.I. Miss Dickson reports 42 women in her district, who are interested and attend the monthly meetings regularly. Over 300 visits have been made and women and children taken to clinics. Ten of the 34 kindergarten pupils passed to the public school. Miss Hattie Jue, who was granted a year's leave of absence to return to China, was greatly missed. She had not been absent one day in her eight years of service, and her gentle understanding of the children and her faithfulness to duty made her invaluable. We have been fortunate in securing as her substitute Miss Elsie Lee, a most promising Canadian-born Chinese girl with three years' High School training, who seems to have the same loving tact in dealing with children. Mrs. Herman has cheerfully given invaluable service as usual, not only in teaching, but in watching over the children's health. The ''Light Bearers'' Mission Band, with 28 members, is under the leadership of Miss G. Aitken, Mrs. David, Miss Joasse and Mrs. Miller, and the boys' handwork under the able supervision of Solomon Leung. They sent some of their toy furniture to the Peace River District and contributed $2.35 to the W.M.S. Mr. Leung supervised the Tuxis Boys and, assisted by David Lem, conducted a very successful summer school. He also did extensive visiting and directed an afternoon recreation period. The Girls' Bible Class organized by Miss Dickson studied St. John's Gospel and helped to make Christmas supplies. Fifteen children have been given music lessons; in this work Mrs. Trill and Miss R. De Pierro have given splendid assistance. We are grateful to Mrs. A. W. Pae for a piano on which the children practise in Miss Lee's home. Again we would thank the Presbyterial and friends for the abundant provision made for the workers, mothers and children. An outstanding event of the year was the baptism of a University student who returned to China on finishing her course. Another University graduate, trained in Knox Crescent Sunday School, also returned to China, where she joined the Church.

WELCOME AND WELFARE

WE are greatly encouraged when comparing this year's figures with last year's. More visits have been made, more letters written, greater interest aroused, so that more people have taken an active part in Church life. We would urge Secretaries to take a wide view of the possibilities of Welcome and Welfare Work.

Miss Iris Munro, Montreal, the only port worker, has forwarded 1,526 names to the Churches concerned, a decrease of 58 from 1934. Seventy-five boats and forty-eight trains were met. The Overseas Girls' Club is thriving, as is shown by the following figures—30 members on the roll, 26 meetings, 102 articles of clothing made, valued at $121.30. Part of these went to the Presbyterial Supply Secretary and part to Knox Crescent Church. The Sunday afternoon Bible Class is well attended. Miss Munro deeply regrets the closing of the hostel on March 15th, owing to the Government grant being discontinued.

Miss Mary Murray, our hospital visitor in Toronto, was assisted from August 1st till the end of the year by Miss Mary Hugill, who visited seven hospitals regularly, endearing herself to all her patients. Miss Murray appreciates the help given her by the W.M.S. in supporting her by prayer, and by contributions of clothing, jams and jellies. One cannot, she says, estimate what it means to so many who have gradually let Church connection slip to have this kindness shown them by our women and to have a worker to assist them in their distress of body and mind.

Mrs. Charles Steinmetz, with her husband, now a student at Knox College, is doing a fine piece of work for our Church in Toronto among her own people, the Hungarians. Almost $1,000 has been raised, by means of bazaars, mite-boxes and the usual collection, for a Presbyterian Church of their own. They are contributing, too, to the Diamond Jubilee Thank-offering of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as well as to the Budget.

Mrs. Michael Fesenko reports that their congregation is increasing since they moved from Beverley Street to 109 Markham Street, Toronto. Although the quarters are not so comfortable, it is a better district for the work among the Ukrainians. Miss Mabel Booth, deaconess, was designated in June to help Mr. and Mrs. Fesenko. As she continues her language study and goes in and out among the people she is doing a very effective work.

Since their return to Hamilton in May, Rev. Frank and Mrs. Kovacs have been working with great success among the Hungarians there. Mrs. Kovacs reports good results from the special Saturday classes for children who cannot come at any other time. The W.M.S. is continuing its good work, and the women themselves have begun to assume the responsibilities of leadership.

DEACONESSES-AT-LARGE

NO printed report can convey the value of the loving and sacrificial service rendered by the nine deaconessses who are working in different parts of our Dominion. The people among whom they work express appreciation for what is being done for them. We quote from one letter: ''I am writing this on behalf of the people of the district to let you know of our love and gratitude for our Deaconess. She has made this a different community for us. No weather is too severe, no road too long for her to go on her errands of mercy and carry her message of cheer. We all join in thanking you for making it possible for her to be with us.''

In Alberta we have three deaconesses serving in rural districts. Miss Frieda Matthews is doing a fine piece of work at Willowdale, Hillsdown and Hillend, small communities in Red Deer Presbytery. The Girls' Camp at Sylvan Lake was a bright spot in the life of the young people of the district. A Young People's rally, although a new venture, proved most worth while.

Miss Margaret Grigor and Miss Mary Todd are doing pioneer service in the Peace River District. Miss Grigor, who has charge of the stations of Wanham, Heart Valley, Westvale and Prestville, reports continued interest and enthusiasm. At Wanham the new church was varnished inside and painted outside, the cost being met by money, wood and produce given by those who appreciated receiving relief clothing. This small congregation gave $115.00 to the Church budget.

Each of these stations has a Mission Band and, although pennies are very scarce, the children send contributions to the W.M.S., besides making articles to send to Manchuria or to children in the distant parts of their own district. Women's Associations are not only helping the work of their own mission, but also contributing towards the work of our Society. A summer camp at Burnt River was attended by twenty-six girls, many of whom through Bible and mission study learned to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Mission Bands have been organized in all Miss Todd's fields, except Burnt Lee. At Brownvale, Blue Hawk, and Last Lake Ladies' Aid Societies form one of the more important activities of the field. At Last Lake the women feel so isolated, and few of them ever handle a cent of money, but they are interested and raise their money for the Church by knitting mitts and socks to sell to bachelors and others able to buy. Christmas gifts and supplies brought cheer and happiness to children and adults.

Dr. Kannawin's visit was a bright spot in the history of these northern fields. It not only cheered the people, but encouraged our workers to continue in their ministry of love to many who often grow lonely and disheartened.

Miss Macarthur, in Regina, reports that at Eastview the Sunday School has 150 children enrolled. Visiting the homes of these children and others in the congregation is a large part of her work. Through the generosity of First Church many have been made happy by gifts of jam, jelly, or fruit and Christmas parcels. When making a survey of the Chinese in the surrounding towns, Miss Macarthur received a cordial welcome from the Chinese women and, particularly, from women who were not Chinese, but married to Chinese men. Miss Helen Ross, who has served five years in Saskatoon, has taken charge of the work at Mayfair and Thornton when a student was not available. A Mission Band organized at Mayfair in June became so large that in September it was divided into two Bands. Presbyterians in outlying parts of the city have been visited and many supplied with clothing. In Vancouver Miss Roberta Smith has been assisting in general congregational work, especially among the young people. Miss Shirley Scott, who was appointed deaconess at New Westminster, B.C., last summer, has been endeavouring to stimulate interest in all types of work in the three congregations, all without ministers. Miss Hazel Macdonald, deaconess in Winnipeg, reports that her work is connected with Church, home and hospital. She has made a fine contribution to young people's work. The summer camp for young women made a splendid beginning, resulting in a Fall Rally with one hundred in attendance. Miss Margaret Allan continues her work in the congregations of St. Enoch's and St. David's in Hamilton. A house-to-house canvass disclosed an appalling need of evangelism among the many people who attend no Church service. Interest in the young women and children has resulted in active organizations.

Thus through faith and prayer the work of love and devotion continues. One deaconess says: ''I have had the satisfaction of finally seeing results in persons and in homes where for years it seemed, in spite of my teaching and visiting, there was only indifference and selfishness.'' Another of our older deaconesses reports similar experiences. Surely the seed sown is bearing fruit.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

Lists of requirements.—The lists of requirements for 1935 were as usual received from the Council Secretaries of National Missions—Hospital, Residence, Indian School, Deaconess and Chinese in Canada. Requests for supplies of clothing for mission fields and Indian Reserves were received from the Synodical Missionaries.

Allocations.—Allocations to provide for these requirements were prepared and forwarded to the Provincial Supply Secretaries in the fall of 1934, so that the Auxiliaries and other branches might utilize the winter months in preparing their supplies.

Provincial Reports.—Reports were received from our six Provincial Supply Secretaries, again indicating continued interest on the part of Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' Groups and Mission Bands. Their splendid co-operation made it possible for all requirements to be filled. Saskatchewan Provincial adopted a new plan of buying all staples and new clothing through a central buying committee and found this method successful.

Summary.—1. Our hospitals at Canora, Sask., and Vegreville, Alta., received the necessary hospital supplies, also scrap books, toys and dolls for which small convalescent patients are truly grateful. A quantity of clothing and a number of quilts gave the Superintendents the opportunity of giving assistance to needy patients. The supplies allocated and prepared for South Porcupine Hospital were transferred to Canora Hospital. Estimated value of supplies, $1,566.32.

2. Five Residences for boys and girls,—Huntingdon, Quebec; New Liskeard, Ontario; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and two at Vegreville, Alberta—were provided with linen and bedding and, in two instances, with clothing for some of the children in attendance. Estimated value, $548.18.

3. Indian Schools (in Canada). Outfits were provided for children in attendance at the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, Ontario, and the schools at Birtle, Manitoba, and Mistawasis, Saskatchewan. The fact that an unusual amount of clothing had to be purchased this year to supplement the outfits leads us to emphasize again the necessity of having the outfits complete. Articles required for an outfit are listed in the Supply leaflet. The amount provided for shoes ($1,150.80) is considerably less than that required—$5.00 per pupil per year. Estimated value of supplies, $8,351.26 plus $1,150.80 for shoes.

4. Deaconess Department. An adequate supply of clothing and quilts, with some articles suitable for Christmas gifts, form a necessary part of the equipment for deaconess work. Our fourteen deaconesses in various parts of Canada, between Quebec and Vancouver, received many bales through the Supply Department which enabled them to minister to the comfort of many needy ones. Santa Claus was able to put in an appearance at Sunday School Christmas entertainments and distribute the gifts prepared by skilful fingers. Estimated value, $2,206.02.

5. Chinese in Canada. Our workers in Montreal, Brockville, Toronto, Vancouver, and Victoria were provided with suitable Christmas gifts for the Chinese women and children who attend the various classes. Estimated value, $488.83.

6. Mission Fields and Indian Reserves. On the recommendation of the Synodical Missionaries, bales of quilts and clothing were shipped to 71 mission fields and Indian Reserves—Ontario 17, Manitoba 12, Saskatchewan 33, Alberta 8, Quebec 1. Bales for Saskatchewan mission fields were shipped direct to the fields, there being no distribution from Regina this year. Estimated value, $3,926.22.

Total value is estimated at $17,086.83 plus $1,150.80 for shoes.

Freight charges $252.99.

We again record our gratitude to the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways for carrying free of freight charge bales of second-hand clothing for distribution on the mission fields of our Church.

Special Gifts.—Again we express appreciation of valuable assistance given by organizations not affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. Several parcels of clothing and Christmas gifts brought comfort and joy to the recipients.

Appreciation.—There is abundant evidence that the efforts put forth by those who, like Dorcas, plied their needles, with songs on their lips and prayers in their hearts, are well worth while. This service of love carries a message of goodwill wherever the supplies find their way. The April *Glad Tidings* contains excerpts from letters written in acknowledgment of the receipt of the supplies.

Freight on Indian school supplies.—A cheque for $131.39 from the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, is gratefully acknowledged. This is the amount paid for freight on the supplies sent to our Indian Schools in Canada.

Expenditures from Supply estimate.—Hospitals, $13.00; Residences, $25.65; Indian Schools, $1,041.37; Deaconess Department, $57.50. Total, $1,137.52.

LIBRARY

THE activities of this Department during the past year have included the sending of books and magazines to lonely folk and to camps, pictures and Scripture cards to both home and foreign workers, giving subscriptions to magazines (including *Glad Tidings*) and weekly newspapers, replenishing libraries, and sending hymn books, Gospels and Bibles to the small groups, and Christian calendars and Christmas cheer to the children of the frontier Sunday Schools. Through correspondence with our student missionaries and workers much new work has been cared for.

We feel that what we have been striving for—the better selection of literature—has been achieved. One of our Western Provinces reports sending over eight thousand pieces—pictures, cards, papers, magazines,—as well as many books. We can readily visualize the joy of those who have received them.

This Department makes a special appeal to Young Women's Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T., Mission Bands and Girl Guides and they have given it hearty support.

Steady streams of magazines and books have gone to small groups, as well as many hymn books, so much needed in their services, and Bibles and Testaments used as rewards for memorization. Sometimes these awards are the only Bibles in the homes. Then picture the joy the large coloured wall cards give to the children who have so few pretty things. They decorate the walls in many homes and in that way the seed is sown.

The carefully selected bundles sent out for distribution are eagerly looked for. A worker writes: ''If you could only see how eagerly they are picked up and what a joy they are to these people, you would all want to have a share in this work.''

''You have good Library Secretaries,'' writes another. ''We have had good books, nice and clean, and I find that the people take good care of them.''

A lonely settler is appreciative of this service. ''We enjoy the reading so much these long cold nights in this frozen country. What a blessing to help mothers who are anxious to give their children an education! It is nice to know that some one thinks of us each month. I realize that these papers represent thought, time and energy, besides considerable postage, and I thank you for these things, too.''

The men in the lumber and road camps and in the lighthouses derive much cheer and entertainment through the long winter evenings from the magazines and books sent them. We can hardly realize how the little groups here and there appreciate the help given through this Department.

Our deep appreciation is extended to the railways for granting free transportation by freight, and to every member of Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and others who have contributed to this work, which is so far-reaching in its influence.

The Conquering Secret

The promise of the dawn
Above the darkness shines;
The sleepless hopes of a coming day,
Like radiant angels, point the way
O'er fresh horizon lines.

We leave the day that's gone
Behind us in the dark
With many a trembling word that's dead,
And many a faithful wound that bled,
And many a stumbling mark.

But we bear forward still
Toward the kindling sky
The good the dead years did not lack,
The courage born of strife and wrack,
The faith that does not die,

The grace that conquers ill,
And pity's balm that cures.
Through mist and sunshine by our side
We face our fate, whate'er betide—
Love evermore endures.

—Lauchlan MacLean Watt in the *British Weekly.*

Books Old and New

"BOOKS are Friends"—and the following are friends indeed to those in need of study helps and inspirational material for planning programmes and worship services.

75 Stories for the Worship Hour is a collection of the highest order for every devotional occasion, written by Margaret White Eggleston for young and old. Each of these stories can be effectively correlated with the Bible by song, prayer, and music, to illuminate the teaching of religious truth. Cloth bound. Price, $1.75.

The Study Bible Series is invaluable to teachers. Although some of the titles are now out of print, there still remain the interesting books on the Major Prophets, the Minor Prophets, Matthew, Mark, Romans, Proverbs, and many others. These are nicely bound and inexpensive. Price, 25 cents each.

The Secret of the Abiding Presence, by Dr. Andrew Murray, is something new in devotional helps. It is meant as a message to missionaries all over the world, and the author trusts that God may abundantly bless it to those for whom it was written and to all other readers. Price, 20 cents.

The Secret of a Happy Faith, by Rev. J. D. Smart, Ph.D., of Galt, is also new. It is a booklet of cheer for those who, through illness or other circumstances, are unable to attend the public worship of God, and for others, young and old, who are reaching out for a strength and courage beyond their own. Price, 10 cents.

Books of the **Christian Hero Series** are life stories of David Livingstone, William Carey, John G. Paton, and many others, written to appeal to all ages. Cloth bound. Price, 75 cents each.

The Constitution of the W.M.S. (W.D.) is available in booklet form. Price, 10 cents.

LEAFLETS

Playing Missions; Child Life in Burma; How Chinese Children Learn to Worship Idols, are three interesting stories for Mission Banders. Price, 3 cents each.

Prayers for Missionary Societies—20 sentence prayers which are very helpful to the individual member. Price, 5 cents.

Chinese Work in Canada, by Rev. D. A. Smith, Vancouver, outlines the progress made in this work during the years 1925-1935. Price, 3 cents.

Only for these I pray,
    Pray with assurance strong,
Light to discover the way,
    Power to follow it along.

—*Charlotte Gilman.*

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, as we meet together to-day our hearts are filled with adoration and thanksgiving for all Thy wonderful love that is ever present with us, and for Thy Fatherly care over us at all times. We do thank Thee for Thy many gracious gifts to us and confess how unworthy we are to receive them, how forgetful we are that all we have we owe to Thee. Fill our hearts with love and gratitude. We ask for Thy blessing on every branch of our work and on each member of our Society, from the youngest to the oldest. Help each one to feel her responsibility. We pray for our missionaries, both in Canada and overseas. We remember now with love the true and faithful ones who have given so many years of their lives to this great task, and we remember, too, our young missionaries. Be with them when they are lonely and troubled and discouraged. May they feel that we in the homeland do not forget them, that we are daily thinking of them, working and praying for them. Bless all who are perplexed and tried in these difficult times, those who are in great anxiety about their own future and the future of their loved ones, and those who are in sorrow because they have lost for a time those who are dear to them. Speak peace and comfort to the lonely, troubled heart. We pray for Thy blessing on our homes, and on the young people and little children in them. May we who are older not make it harder for them to follow and understand Thee, by our own failure in the Christian life. Bless all young people who are now making the great decision to follow Thee and to devote their lives to Thee. As they seek to serve Thee in the homes, in business, on the mission field, or wherever they may be, accept and bless their fresh young hearts and lives.

And now the wants are told that brought
Thy children to Thy knee;
Here lingering still, we ask for naught,
But simply worship Thee.

Amen.

Lord, temper with tranquility
My manifold activity,
That I may do my work for Thee
With very great simplicity.

OUR LETTER BOX

New Amsterdam, British Guiana.

ON September 6th I set sail on the *Lady Drake* from Halifax. Rev. and Mrs. David Marshall and their family joined me at Boston, so that I had delightful company for the rest of the journey. From Bermuda we had three days of water, water everywhere. It was, perhaps, the only bit of monotonous travelling we had during the journey. We called at St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, Dominica, St. Lucia. Dominica impresses the tourist with its fine Church buildings. Here I had my first glimpse of a West Indian school through an open window. There were four or five classes grouped around the different teachers in one room. The method of instruction was an antiquated one; the teacher gave the rule, then the pupils repeated it poll parrot fashion after him. Needless to say, the school could not be called a model one. We stopped at the open air market on our way back to the ship. There were hundreds of women with their fish, fowls, fruit, yams, bread-fruit, sweet potatoes, oranges, lemons, limes and plantains displayed on the ground! They probably had walked in from the country five or six miles before sunrise with loaded baskets on their heads. The remarkable thing is there was not a sullen face among them. They all seemed to be quite happy and contented with their lot in life. We again put off to sea and found ourselves early the next morning lying outside Bridgetown, the capital of Barbados. After Grenada and Tobago we came to Port of Spain, Trinidad, truly a beautiful city with its fine tropical setting. It boasts fine wide streets and palatial residences. It has the appearance of being the cleanest and most prosperous of all the cities of the West Indies. One encounters a great deal of poverty in the country districts of Trinidad as well as the other Islands. On leaving Trinidad, the muddy water told us we were approaching British Guiana. The colour of the water is due to the fact that the three large rivers, Essequibo, Berbice and Demerara, pour out their silt into the sea.

We arrived in Georgetown at nine o'clock at night. We were met by Rev. J. M. Miller and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. I woke up in the morning to find Georgetown bathed in glorious sunshine. From my window I saw large trees with flaming red flowers, well named the flamboyant tree. Right across the road there was a park with all manner of flowering shrubs and trees. I was highly elated. I think I shall always love Georgetown, because I shall always see it with those same eyes that looked out upon that beautiful scene in the early morning. On Saturday we went to the band concert at the sea wall where we got the benefit of both fine music and delightful sea breezes.

Sunday morning I went with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall to Better Hope Church, six miles out of Georgetown. The native catechist conducted the service, half in Hindi and half in English, for the benefit of all concerned. What rather surprised me was the seating arrangement. All the women sit on the right hand side of the Church and all the men on the left. They do this in all the East Indian congregations. At night we attended the service at St. Cuthbert's in Georgetown, where Mr. Marshall preached. This is a small but lively and active congregation. They have some splendid young people and some fine workers in the Church. Mrs. Marshall has been carrying on nobly all the women's meetings in the Church since our last lady missionary's departure. Monday we visited the world famous botanical gardens. Almost all the trees that are indigenous to this colony have beautiful blooms and this strange sight does impress a stranger. In the canals along the roadside are beautiful water lilies. The lotus lily with its large pink blossom grows to a prodigious height. Then there are the white lilies with huge flat leaves which are quite a novelty to the tourist. Georgetown, too, has a fine shopping district. Imported foodstuffs are quite expensive and thus living is quite high in the Colony.

On Thursday I started on the final lap of my journey accompanied by Mr. Marshall and Mr. Miller. We boarded the little tram for New Amsterdam. On the way up we passed through cocoanut plantations, rice fields, etc., and large tracts of grazing land which are practically submerged in water and mud. Cattle, pigs and goats often feed knee deep in water and mud. The land all along the way is very flat, not one little hill can be seen. A few gay coloured birds fly about in the fields, but the commonest is the carrion crow, a very sinister-looking creature. Along the railroad are dotted numerous little villages, thickly populated with black and East Indian people. Women with huge trays of tropical fruit on their heads appear on the platform selling the fruit to the passengers for a few pennies. Small one-room houses on stilts are built along the road and often mud houses with palm roofs. These houses during the rainy season sit peacefully in large tracts of water and do give the appearance of being so unconcerned about it all. At last we arrived at the River Berbice, a huge muddy expanse of water. We boarded the ferry which took us across to the ancient Dutch capital, New Amsterdam, once the most prosperous city of the Guianas. It has been forced to give up its pre-eminent position to Georgetown, a much younger city, because of the silting in of the river which has made it impossible for ocean liners to get in. So it has fallen back year by year until it is now a little country town of 6,000. But it is quite a modern one with a fine electrical fire alarm system recently installed and new receiving lamps to light the main street, the very first to be used in the West Indies and Guianas. —*Olwen Davies.*

In the Mackay Memorial Hospital

Taihoku, Formosa.

I THOUGHT you would like to hear what we did about the Women's Day of Prayer in the Hospital.

Miss Burdick, of the Women's School in Tamsui, had mimeographed copies of the World programme sent to the different Bible women in our field. I was too busy to prepare anything, but asked the two Hospital Bible women to arrange everything themselves. As every afternoon these Bible women have a little prayer service in the women's ward, the nurses on duty helping with the singing of hymns, I thought that would be a good time for the special prayer service. However, they decided to have it at noon when the Hospital wash women and cooks could join in. They followed the prepared service and even took up a small offering! At the time there were about 12 women patients in the hospital, but with the cooks and laundry women, 5 in all, and the nurses there were 25 women. Wasn't that wonderful? The offering amounted to almost Yen 3.00 and Miss Burdick intends to send that in to the Temperance League. Several of the patients said how much they had enjoyed the service and, of course, there were many who had never heard of such a thing before and perhaps became a little bit interested, too, in the Message.

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The little boy I wrote of before is now able to walk around and even run a little, but the wound is not fully healed yet. He is the dearest little chap and always so happy. Many of the children know nothing about playing when they come into the hospital, but they soon learn and it is such a pleasure to see them playing with dolls and toys. One little girl cried and wanted to stay in the hospital, because she would have to work so hard when she went home and have no time for play!

Lately we have heard of several cases of people who have heard the Gospel in the hospital and on returning to their own district have continued their study of the Story until they have at last accepted Christ. In one small town from which several patients have come the Formosan preacher has written to tell us that six or eight have entered the Church lately, after ''getting their start'' here in the hospital. Our hospital preacher and Bible woman are so pleased and happy. A report of each patient's interest and progress in study is sent to the preacher or pastor in the home district when the patient is discharged, but, of course, in many cases we hear nothing further about them. Sometimes the pastor is too busy to look them up, or they live too far away from the Church, and often they are not interested enough to continue by themselves. In Taihoku our Bible woman spends Tuesday and Thursday afternoons visiting ex-patients, but she has not the time or the strength to visit them all regularly. Many continue the studies begun in the hospital when they come back for medicine or treatment. One often sees them struggling away to acquire sufficient knowledge of the Romanized alphabet to carry on by themselves, while they are waiting a few minutes for the doctor to see them.

—*Hildur Hermanson.*

YOUNG WOMEN

God loved the world, and gave
His Son, that all might live.
Redeemed by Thee, O Lord, may we
Our lives in service give.

Our talents, time, and strength,
Our gifts of gold, we lay
Upon the altar of Thy love.
Accept, and bless, we pray!

—*Martha S. Clingan.*

A FORWARD STEP

THE past year's work in the Young Women's Department indicates a distinct step forward towards the achievement of the goal—not only to maintain fully our present work, but to answer the insistent calls which growth demands. We are happy to be able to report an increase in nearly every department and, for the first time since 1931, an increase in givings.

The coming year will be full of problems and of opportunities, as were years that are past. We face forward to the challenge of another year. For that task we need the spirit of adventure, courage and faith, resolving to make this the most triumphant year in the life of our Society.

May we catch a vision of what a further increase in givings would mean. Instead of marking time, it would mean extension all along the line. Let us bring all our tithes, the visible proof of the faith of those who call themselves by His name. As we go forward let us watch for opportunities to serve.

Each Province reports an increase in some department:

Alberta—Home Helpers, *Glad Tidings.*

British Columbia—Organizations, members, cash for supplies, *Glad Tidings,* givings.

Manitoba—New Life Members, Supplies, *Glad Tidings,* givings.

Ontario—Members, Honorary Members, Home Helpers, Home Helpers' contributions, cash for supplies, *Glad Tidings,* givings.

Quebec—New Junior Members, Home Helpers' contributions, cash for supplies, *Glad Tidings.*

Saskatchewan—Organizations, cash for supplies.

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Dear Leaders and Girls:

ONCE more summer time and holidays! Now we shall have time to read those books, finish that handcraft, go for a ramble in the woods or along the lake or sea shore, and, perhaps, experience the magic of camp. There are so many interesting things to do now that we have some leisure time. Those who are interested in nature study may apply to the Department of Forestry for information on the identification of trees and shrubs, and to the Department of Agriculture for information on birds, plants, insects, etc. We might take some pictures that we planned to take last summer, but did not. A book on photography may be obtained from the Public Library. For reading, the *Treasure Book of Books* will be found to be of inestimable value. For those of the group who will be at home for the summer we might plan a butterfly hike, or a wild flower hike, or a fern hike or perhaps a rock hike. Get the collecting habit and be sure to take along a note-book, pencil, and specimen box. As we shall, of course, want to have a worship service out-of-doors, we will choose our theme carefully and build our service around it.

''This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.''

As we sit in the woods and watch the chipmunks or hear the sound of the wind rustling the leaves or the babbling brook singing on its way to the sea, let us learn from all nature the beauty of peace.

''From the prison of anxious thought that greed has builded,
From the fetters that envy has wrought and pride has gilded,
From the noise of the crowded ways and fierce confusion,
From the folly that wastes its days in a world of illusion,
(Ah, but the life is lost that frets and languishes there!)
I would escape and be free in the joy of the open air.''
—*Henry Van Dyke.*

—*Jean Kelman.*

MISSION BANDS

JOHN AND MARY IN JHANSI, INDIA

By Miss Ethel M. McCutcheon

JOHN and Mary had arrived in Jhansi and were riding in a little two-wheeled cart drawn by a horse. Their parents were in another cart directly behind them. These carts in India are called ''tongas''. They were going to visit the Presbyterian Mission, just outside the city of Jhansi.

There was so much to see that Mary and John were watching very closely as they went down the narrow streets crowded with Hindu men and women. The men were wearing white turbans and the women saris. There were also Mohammedan women with veils over their faces and some with water jugs on their heads. Little brown children with black hair ran and played on the street. The bazaars, open to the street, were full of very interesting things. John was delighted when he saw a little native school. The boys were sitting on the floor cross-legged, all shouting their lessons together at the top of their voices. Mary wondered how they could possibly learn in a school like that; but John thought it would be jolly if they could all talk out loud in their school.

At last their tonga arrived at the gate in the high wall which surrounds the Mission Compound. Nearby they could see the railway tracks, and in the distance the jungle, the home of jackals, wild pigs, hyenas, and even tigers. When they entered the Compound they saw white stone buildings, with wide verandahs and nice gardens and shade trees. John looked quite approvingly at the playgrounds. In the bungalow that had been the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie who founded the Mission thirty years ago, they were welcomed by the missionaries.

The next morning was lovely, with a bright sun and clear blue skies. John and Mary were delighted when Miss Whatling and Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott invited them to go with them to visit a village where they do evangelistic work. How surprised they were when they arrived! The village was just a group of little bamboo huts at the end of a straggling path. Most of these little huts had no windows and only one room. The people all seemed very glad to see Miss Whatling and Dr. Thurrott. When the Christians saw them coming, they began to beat a drum, play a tambourine, and sing hymns on the village street. After they had sung several hymns, Miss Whatling taught them a new one. Then they had a Bible story and talked about Christ and what He expects Christians to do and how He expects them to live. After prayer and more singing, the people went home. Dr. Thurrott went to her small dispensary and worked hard for several hours treating patients that were brought to her. During this time Miss Whatling called at the homes, where the women and children gladly welcomed her. They were eager to learn to read and write, to sew and embroider, and to repeat the verses they had learned from the Bible. When they could read they bought a Bible and read about Jesus for themselves.

John and Mary played with the bright little boys and girls outside. John taught the boys to play marbles and gave away a large bagful, and Mary taught the girls ''Hop Scotch''. They enjoyed the day very much, but when evening came they were glad to have the nice cool drive back to their parents at the compound.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

Provincial Annual Meeting

AT the 22nd annual Provincial meeting in Grace Church, Calgary, on March 31st and April 1st, it was encouraging to note the large attendance at all sessions and the interesting discussions which took place. In the absence of the President, Mrs. F. W. Allott, Mrs. R. J. E. Gardiner, of Macleod, first Vice-President, presided. Delegates were present from Macleod, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Claresholm, Medicine Hat, Carstairs, Willowdale, Edmonton and the four Calgary Churches.

Reports of the various departments showed marked progress and a keen interest taken in the work by all the Secretaries. The Literature Secretary reported sales of books to the amount of $166.49. Members were urged to consult this department for missionary topics and suggestions. The Life Membership Secretary reported that 18 Life Membership certificates had been presented, 10 Junior certificates and 5 W.M.S. pins. The Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Clark, declared the financial condition of the Society highly satisfactory. Each Presbyterial had endeavoured to meet its allocation and some had exceeded theirs. The Library Department had distributed 2,465 pounds of literature among settlers in outlying districts in the north country, besides 300 books which had been sent to augment a library. The 35 sets of lantern slides which had been sent out were used 55 times. The Welcome and Welfare Department had received and sent out 67 names, and made 559 visits. The Exchange Secretary had answered 59 calls for papers, which are all of a highly educational and inspirational nature. The Supply Department had responded graciously to appeals for clothing. All allocations were met, and Christmas cheer, quilts, infants' outfits, and all kinds of good used clothing sent to the Presbyterian Residences, to the hospital and Mission school at Vegreville, and to deaconesses and workers in the north. An organ was purchased and sent to Miss Grigor in the Peace River district; table linen and curtains were provided for the Girls' Residence at Vegreville, and knitting wool was sent in answer to a call from Rocky Mountain House. The total value of supplies was $659.66. The 300 Home Helpers, with givings amounting to $538.03 and much knitting and relief work, make a wonderful contribution to our W.M.S. work. The Mission Band Secretary reported 39 Bands with a membership of 774 and contributions amounting to $238.08, with $131.10 for supplies. The Y.W.A. Secretary reported 140 members, $283.00 in contributions and supplies to the value of $52.25. The 30 groups under the Girls' Organizations with a membership of 300, contributed $129.00, and supplies to the value of $67.27. The Student Secretary, Miss D. Browning, reported that a strong effort had been made to keep in touch with all University and Normal students and nurses-in-training. She also gave a comprehensive report of the Student Volunteer Convention in Indianapolis.

Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, the guest speaker of the convention, was in very truth a real inspiration to the delegates. By her timely words of advice and suggestions, as well as her two inspiring addresses, she brought to the women much cheer and encouragement to go forward that they, too, like Nehemiah of old, "might possess some of the land which remains."

A beautiful memorial service was held for Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird of Edmonton.

Rev. Alfred Bright, pastor of the Church, gave an interesting address at the Tuesday afternoon session and installed the new officers. Mrs. F. W. Allott was re-elected President for the seventh consecutive year. An address was given by Miss Helen Thompson, General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., at the Tuesday evening session which was in charge of the young people. Mrs. Lucy Bagnall made a telling plea for Peace at the banquet on Wednesday evening. Mrs. C. E. Jamieson, acting Corresponding Secretary, gave a clear and concise review of the year's work.

In concluding our report of 1935, we commit our work into the hands of Him who alone can judge it, and as we enter upon the duties of another year, may we do so in perfect confidence that He will guide us, if we but put our trust in Him.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Provincial Annual Meeting

A LARGE attendance of members of Presbyterials from various sections of the province attended the 22nd annual meeting of the British Columbia Provincial Society held in Central Church, Vancouver, April 14-16. Mrs. R. M. Thomson presided. Greetings were brought by the Moderators of the Synod and the Presbytery, and a letter from Mrs. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), was read. After the President's address, Dr. Cameron, of Central Church, gave a stirring address on Home Missions.

The morning of the second day was devoted to routine business and the presentation of departmental reports. In presenting her report, Mrs. MacInnes, the Treasurer, while deploring the fact that British Columbia had not reached its allocation, urged the members not to accept this in the spirit of defeat, but to look upward and onward and make the allocation a definite subject of prayer. An exhibit of articles made by C.G.I.T. groups attracted much attention. Miss Shirley Scott, deaconess, had arranged this exhibit, which is to be sent to Toronto in competition with similar exhibits from all over Canada. Miss Scott is be congratulated on this splendid exhibit.

The afternoon was given up to a rally of the Mission Bands in Westminster Presbyterial. Seventeen Bands took part in a programme of pageants and songs illustrating the work of the W.M.S. at home and overseas. At the close Mrs. Thomson was presented with a nosegay by a little Chinese girl, in recognition of the fact that she had at one time been leader of the first Mission Band organized west of the Great Lakes. A similar presentation was made to Miss Acheson, Mission Band Secretary of Westminster Presbyterial.

At the evening meeting there was an open discussion in which many problems were brought to light and from which much benefit was derived.

After opening devotions on Thursday morning, all stood in silent remembrance of honoured members who had passed away since the last annual meeting. The Chinese work in Vancouver was presented by Miss Yeandle, and that of Victoria by Miss Dickson. Both showed grounds for great encouragement. Miss Shirley Scott, deaconess, gave a report of her work in New Westminster. At luncheon the delegates were the guests of Westminster Presbyterial.

Mrs. R. M. Thomson was re-elected President. The new officers are: Miss Jessie Morrice, Recording Secretary; Mrs. A. McKenzie, Mission Band Secretary; Mrs. W. J. Jones, Student Secretary; Miss F. McQueen, Exchange Secretary; Mrs. Heighton, Welcome and Welfare Secretary; Miss McGregor, Life Membership Secretary; Miss W. A. Cameron, *Glad Tidings* Secretary.

Mrs. W. A. Wyllie, of Kamloops, giving the closing message, showed that witnessing for Christ is the definite duty of W.M.S. members and that this is not possible without a knowledge of Him. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Thos. Wilson.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG STREET, WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

Provincial Annual Meeting

THE 22nd annual meeting of the Manitoba Provincial Society was held in Norwood Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, March 25th and 26th. Delegates from all points of the Province brought messages of cheer and enthusiasm. Mrs. J. S. Flook presided at all sessions. The devotional periods were in charge of the three Presbyterials. A letter was read from Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society

(W.D.), and greetings were received from sister Societies of the Anglican, Baptist and United Churches.

As a tribute to the memory of our late beloved Sovereign, King George V, a three-minute silence was observed. Mrs. Herbert Ross, and other members who have died during the year were also remembered.

The subject of the President's address was ''Co-operation''. ''The Lord's work will not prosper,'' she emphasized, ''if we do not co-operate and seek His guidance.'' Mrs. Cundy, President of Superior Presbyterial, brought a message of cheer, telling of advance all along the line. ''Let us encourage ourselves in the Lord,'' she said. ''Let our eyes be upon the Lord and we shall see the glory of God in our work.'' Mrs. Gray, of Brandon, called attention to the fact that their Presbyterial, whose wheels Mrs. McEwen had set in motion, was now fifty years old. ''Have we,'' she asked, ''proved ourselves worthy of the heritage that is ours? God expects every woman to give herself for service.'' Mrs. Leckie, of Winnipeg Presbyterial, spoke of bringing the young people into the Church. ''We should live so that the young will be glad to come in.'' The reports of all departments were encouraging.

Supper was served by the Norwood W.A. At the evening session members of the Synod of Manitoba brought greetings and conducted the devotions. Rev. J. Fleck delivered an address based on the text: ''I shall go softly all my years.'' Miss Barbara Smith gave her impressions of the Student Volunteer Movement Convention at Indianapolis, where racial differences were forgotten, and all became more sympathetic with missionaries and mission work and more anxious to do their part. Miss Hazel Macdonald spoke on her work as deaconess, stressing the need of helping the young people, and urging that, in organizing work, the real purpose should not be forgotten,—the winning of people for Christ.

In the closing address of a most inspiring and helpful meeting Mrs. Gray, Brandon, spoke of ''Rewards''—the incorruptible crown, the crown of rejoicing, the crown of righteousness, the crown of life, the crown of glory—''rewards sufficient to encourage us to attempt great things this year and to keep us from being weary when He asks us to take up the Cross and follow Him.''

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Manitoba Provincial Executive and Presbyterials enjoyed a visit from Miss Lamont, Field Secretary. Plans were made for more intensive work in the coming year.

Winnipeg, P.S.—Several Easter Thank-offering meetings are reported. To First Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, on March 31st, Rev. H. R. Horne, of Regina, gave an address on ''Spiritual Gifts''. Some have greater gifts than others, but all should minister to one another and promote the good of all. The Thank-offering should be an expression of thanks for all our blessings, and for the opportunity of service in the missionary cause of our Church. As Knox Church, Selkirk, is this year celebrating its sixtieth anniversary, the Auxiliary, meeting on April 8th, received greetings from former ministers, which brought back many happy memories. Members of the Mission Band sang two choruses. Rev. E. L. Garvin gave a closing message after which a social hour was enjoyed. To the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Stonewall, on April 1st Mrs. J. W. Cadwell, Winnipeg, gave an address on the subject ''The Challenge to the Orient.'' At Norwood, on April 9th, Mrs. Flook, Provincial President, gave the address. The Mission Band contributed two choruses. Mrs. F. A. Gemmell was the speaker at the meeting of Old Kildonan Auxiliary on April 9th, at the home of Mrs. N. McKay.

From Morden comes news of a small but active Auxiliary, of eight earnest, willing workers. They have carefully planned, interesting meetings, using the study book and Bible readings. Their two Thank-offering meetings are held on Sunday evenings so that the men of the congregation may be present. Although they could not meet their allocation last year, the members contribute generously and send each year a bale valued at $10. The Mission Band is quite active, under an enthusiastic leader. Auxiliary members are teachers in the Sunday School which has an enrolment of 50.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 166 HAMMERSMITH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

Provincial Annual Meeting

THE 22nd annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society was held in Knox Church, Ottawa, April 21st to 23rd, with Mrs. J. A. Hilts in the chair. Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., minister of Knox Church, conducted the opening devotions. Rev. D. MacOdrum, D.D., Moderator of Synod, conveyed greetings from Synod. Mrs. J. R. Hill, President of Ottawa Presbyterial, welcomed the delegates and the Right Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, gave a short address.

A very great honour was paid to the Society when Their Excellencies, the Governor-General, the representative of His Majesty the King, and the Lady Tweedsmuir, attended by Captain M. E. Adeane, graced with their presence this opening session. Their Excellencies were met at the door by Mrs. J. A. Hilts, President, Mrs. John Williams, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, O.B.E. Little Margaret Logan-Vencta, of Ottawa, presented Her Excellency with flowers. Mrs. Thorburn in a clever speech introduced His Excellency who delivered an address which is given in full in this number of the *Glad Tidings*. Mrs. Hilts expressed the thanks of the Society, after which Their Excellencies graciously received the members.

On Tuesday evening, directed by Mrs. F. Letts and Miss Isabel Hill, the young women of Ottawa Presbyterial gave a practical demonstration of a meeting, with the C.G.I.T. from the city churches taking the devotions, and Mrs. W. Ekins, Hespeler, and Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Brampton, reporting the work of the Young Women and Girls' Organizations respectively. Miss Agnes Dickson, Montreal, told of the persistent endeavour and fine intellectual gifts of Chinese students. Dr. McKerroll brought a simple direct message to the young people present.

Rev. James MacKay, D.D., London, in his address on Wednesday evening, gave an intimate, vivid word picture of the work of our Church in the Orient. Rev. H. A. Berlis, an Honorary member of the Society, gave a short message to the members.

In her President's message—''The World's Need of an International Christian Peace Bridge''—Mrs. Hilts said: ''We must estimate our responsibility in the light of the world's need, Canadian resources and God's promises.''

The Treasurer's report, presented in Mrs. Thorburn's own attractive style, gave definite assurance that Ontario has not only turned that elusive corner but is on her way to Recovery Avenue.

Two Mission Bands, ''Golden'' of Erskine Church and ''Goforth'' of St. Giles Church, presented ''The Land of India'', a sad story with a happy ending, composed by Mrs. J. R. Hill, Provincial Mission Band Secretary.

Mrs. Styles of the Ottawa Diocesan Board of the Anglican W.A., meeting in Ottawa at that time, brought greetings to our Society. A loving message was received from Mrs. J. A. Locheed, Hamilton, Honorary President of the Provincial Society. The devotional theme throughout the sessions was an exhortation to faith. Dr. Margaret O'Hara, veteran missionary of India, was present and led in prayer. From reports new light was shed on many cloudy points. Miss E. L. Mowat, Kingston, moved their adoption. Solos by Mrs. O. C. Spratt, Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta and selections by Knox and St. Andrew's Church choirs during the sessions were much enjoyed. Mrs. J. Dickson, President of London Presbyterial, extended an invitation to hold the annual meeting next year in London. It was unanimously accepted.

The closing session brought the election and installation of officers and a stirring address by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll on the progress of our work and the great need that lies before us. Miss C. E. Cameron, President of Quebec Provincial, gave the closing message.

Entertainment was provided for the delegates: on Monday evening Knox Church W.M.S. Auxiliary had a supper for the Board of Management and the Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries, and on Thursday the Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Church were tea hostesses after the delegates had enjoyed a drive around the city.

We regret the retirement from the Executive of Mrs. A. W. Talbot, Mrs. James Anderson and Miss B. Armstrong. Changes in officers are: Honorary Vice-President, Miss E. L. Mowat, Kingston; Life Membership

Secretary, Mrs. R. C. Campbell, 187 Vansittart Ave., Woodstock; Literature and Exchange, Mrs. C. S. Bootes, 29 John St., W., Smith's Falls.

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The annual meeting of Chatham P.S. was held in Leamington, Mrs. S. M. Ferguson presiding. Reports gave evidence that the work was progressing both in interest and financially. Mrs. Jonathan Goforth spoke at morning and afternoon sessions. The C.G.I.T. group displayed ten articles made at a cost of less than one dollar which they are entering in the Girls' Work contest. Literature on display was well patronized. Dinner was served by the Sunshine Auxiliary and supper by the Isobel McConnell Y.W.A. The evening session devoted to the young people of the Presbyterial was addressed by Rev. Jonathan Goforth, D.D. Miss Abigail Lees gave a talk on ''Why Our Girls' Work Is Worth While''. Little Eleanor Reid told why she liked going to Mission Band. Miss Doris Webber of Sunshine Y.W.A., Wallaceburg, told of their most interesting meeting, when Miss Jean MacLean, Kobe, Japan, visited them. Presbytery greetings were brought by Rev. J. A. Isaacs. Rev. J. L. W. McLean, minister of the Church, installed the officers and gave a short address. Mrs. John McKinley, First Church, Chatham, donated $25.00 for a Life Membership. The Alexander Bartlett Mission Circle, Windsor, presented Life Memberships to Mrs. C. B. Pollard and Mrs. C. Vincent. St. Patrick teas were held by several Auxiliaries and Valetta held an apron shower.

Rev. M. W. Heslip addressed the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Penetanguishene, Barrie P.S. A Life Membership was given to Mrs. A. J. Hurdle. Birthday bags brought in a good offering. Collingwood Auxiliary had a St. Patrick's tea at the home of Mrs. D. A. Kelly in aid of the expense fund. Thornbury-Clarksburg honoured a charter member, Mrs. T. L. Tyson, Toronto, on her 90th birthday by making her a Life Member. Easter Thank-offering meetings were general throughout the Presbyterial.

In Sarnia many Thank-offering meetings were held. Mooretown followed the programme in the *Glad Tidings,* Mrs. C. H. MacDougall, Strathroy, giving the address. ''Meditation for Holy Week'' was also used. Mrs. MacDougall also addressed the Auxiliary at Forest. Margaret Flemming, of the Mission Band, sang ''Jesus Keep Me Holy''. At Strathroy the meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Stephen. Miss Vesta Gast read a paper on the ''Life, Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord''. Mrs. Marshall addressed St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sarnia. Slides on the work in India were enjoyed. The St. Andrew's Y.W.A. is taking an imaginary trip to our foreign and home mission fields, studying each, the members wearing the costume of the country studied and serving foods used there.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. George's Church, London, was held on April 23rd, with the Wilkie Y.W.A. and the Cairncross Mission Band also present. The Mission Band of twenty members brought a delightful message in song entitled, ''A Little Seed Lay Fast Asleep''. Mrs. Brown of New St. James Church brought a most inspiring Easter message on ''Go and Tell''. There was a large attendance.

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Members, do not forget to leave your summer offerings with your Treasurer before going on holiday.

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Provincial Annual Meeting

AT the Quebec Provincial Society's annual meeting held in Melville Church, Westmount, on April 21st, under the presidency of Miss C. E. Cameron, a survey of the work in the report of the Corresponding Secretary showed many encouraging features, although membership and contributions are below those of the previous year. Total receipts amounted to $14,812.06, of which $14,566.64 was remitted to the General Treasurer.

In addressing the afternoon meeting, Mrs. John Kelman expressed the fear that the women of her own generation had been neglecting to give their sons and daughters spiritual training in the homes. ''We have been so busy running here and there about the Master's work that we have failed to train our boys and girls in the things of the spirit,'' she said, adding, ''We'll have to get back to some of the old-fashioned Bible training in the home. There will be no decrease in the ranks of the Christian Church if young people are taught to know the truth of God.'' Mrs. Kelman pointed out that much Christian training of young people was achieved through the force of example. ''Bring out the Bible once more!'' she insisted. ''Bring back the family pew! See that the whole family comes to Church on Sunday.''

At the evening session Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, of Toronto, spoke of the Society's Home Mission work, especially on the frontier fields. In the work among the Indians it is possible, she said, to see each year greater results, spiritually and physically. Now that disease can be stamped out in its beginnings, it has been possible to control tuberculosis so that for the first time the Indians are increasing in number.

Dr. James MacKay brought a message from the General Board of Missions and Dr. MacOdrum conveyed the greetings of Synod. Dr. Mulligan, pastor of Melville Church, conducted the devotional period.

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Montreal P.S.—On April 17th members of the Montreal Presbyterial were present at a ''Mock Council Executive Meeting'' conducted by the Y.W.A. Leaders' Fellowship. The ambitious undertaking was directed by the Young Women's Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Pae. There was no make-believe, however, in the brief address of Miss Agnes I. Dickson to the ''Council'', as she was there in person. Comment at the close showed keen appreciation of much helpful knowledge gleaned concerning the vast amount of work which passes through the hands of the Council Executive who are the officers of the Women's Missionary Society.

On Easter Monday the annual Mission Band rally was held in MacVicar Memorial Church under the direction of Mrs. George Stevenson, Mission Band Secretary, and her assistant, Miss L. Morton. Nineteen Bands, comprising 300 children, were welcomed by Mrs. W. E. Baker, Presbyterial President.

The internationalism inherent in missionary endeavour was symbolized by songs in Hindustani by the two small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. Earl Toombs, of Barwani, India, and in Chinese by the children of the Chinese Mission Band under Miss Agnes Dickson's supervision.

Riverview and Huntingdon were awarded the banners for out-of-town Bands and Kydd Memorial, Kensington, and Montreal West for those in Montreal.

SASKATCHEWAN

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THE annual meeting of Saskatoon Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, April 1st and 2nd. All Auxiliaries were represented. Reports covering the various branches of the work were encouraging. Rev. W. J. Pellow brought greetings from Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Kochalay, Rev. W. G. Brown and Ernest Chan, a Chinese university student, took part in the evening programme. An interesting tableau, ''The Hand of God in Hebrew History'', was presented by Parkview girls. Mrs. H. R. Horne gave a most inspiring message of help and encouragement to the delegates.

At the March meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Mrs. A. S. Sibbald gave an illustrated address on our work from coast to coast. Other very interesting features at this meeting were a review of 1935 *Glad Tidings* and items concerning our missionaries on furlough and those returning to the field. Mrs. Early and Miss Geddes took charge of this part of the programme.

Regina P.S.—Mr. D. B. MacRae, editor of the Regina *Leader Post* was the special speaker for the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Regina. Mr. MacRae spoke on his recent trip to Africa and made many references to the worthy missionary undertakings in that continent. Mrs. G. D. Ralston was the special speaker for the Easter Thank-offering meetings of the Edna Bell Auxiliary, the evening Auxiliary of First Church, Regina, and of the Northside Church. Mrs. John Shaw gave the Bible study talk at the Easter Thank-offering of First Church Auxiliary. The programme of their April meeting was very interesting and instructive. Mrs. H. R. Horne and Mrs. J. R. Reid spoke respectively on ''Paul the Orator, the Friend and the Logician'' and ''The Gospel and Our Generation''.

Moose Jaw P.S.—Knox Church Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, held its Thank-offering meeting on April 22nd. Mrs. G. A. Maybee, the guest speaker, took as her subject ''The Passion Play''. Mrs. A. B. Bennett gave the Easter Scripture message.

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Japan	2,024.35
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Editorial

The Council Executive

AS the names of Council Executive members for 1936-1937 are published this month, we would call attention to changes in officers. The work of the Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department was divided between two Secretaries—Mrs. A. E. Stevens having charge of Welcome and Welfare workers, including port workers and workers among new Canadians, and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, of the deaconesses at large. Mrs. W. W. Carter, who had been Library Secretary, became Secretary for Hospitals and School Residences; following Mrs. Poole's resignation, that work had been carried on temporarily by Mrs. D. Gordon. Then Miss Margaret Keith succeeded Mrs. Carter as Library Secretary. The increasing volume of work in connection with Life Memberships having made it advisable to have some one undertake that work, Mrs. A. W. Talbot has been elected Life Membership Secretary.

Miss Mary B. Wenger

ON Sunday, June 7th, came the sad news from South Porcupine, Ontario, of the death of Miss Wenger. Since 1928, for a few months as first nurse, then as Superintendent, Miss Wenger had served in the hospital there, continuing in charge when, less than a year ago, the Women's Missionary Society sold it to the municipality of Tisdale, South Porcupine. No one knew her and her work better than the people in the north among whom she lived and served, and it is their tribute, therefore, as expressed in the *Porcupine Advance* of June 11th, that we give below. The funeral service in Victoria Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on the evening of June 9th, was conducted by Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D. Interment took place the next day at Ayton, Ontario. The sincerest sympathy of all our members goes out to her mother, her sister and her brothers.

''The passing of one who, by her unselfish giving of herself, has made her the most beloved figure in our community has saddened us all.

''Miss Mary Wenger has left behind her a place in the hearts of all those who came into contact with her in any way at all, but those who felt the beauty of her character, the tireless attention given in the hospital when they were sick, who have felt the cheering sunshine of her happy smile in that sometimes saddened atmosphere, know that they have lost a friend. Nothing that can be written here can do justice to that noble soul. Hers was an utterly selfless life. She gave of herself, and found nothing too hard to do for others in the cause of duty and service.

''She will be missed in the Nurses' residence among her fellow nurses; missed in the community for her little acts of love and generosity; missed in the church to whose service she also gave of her utmost; missed in the committee of the Girl Guide movement where her last public appearance was made at a meeting called to plan work for the girls' benefit; but most of all will she be missed in the hospital itself, where—like 'the lady of the lamp'—she passed among the sick, carrying in her very person uplifting sense of healing and good. We mourn her truly. From the highest to the lowest, here in our little community we mourn.

''We rejoiced when, only last year, she received the King's Jubilee Medal. 'Who more fitting,' we said, 'could we find to deserve it?' We saw the decoration again on Monday, pinned to her uniform in which she lay in silent dignity, 'Duty and Service!' She gave, indeed, of both!

''Drs. Woodall and Fraser, representative of both churches, conducted the funeral service Monday at 12.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Anglican Church. The congregation, composed of the representatives of every organization here, and crowded to the doors, took part in this last expression of sorrow. Nurses in uniform from the hospital (others were taking their places for the day) were there. Girl Guide patrol leaders in uniform formed a guard of honour; doctors and councillors, Reeve, Scouts and Church workers, Protestant and Catholic, high and low, rich and poor, one with another all uniting to sorrow for a short time together over this good woman, who 'bearing the white flower of a blameless life', had entered into her final reward.''

Miss Anderson Welcomed Home

AT the meeting of June 16th the Council Executive were glad to welcome Miss Mary E. Anderson, who has just returned to Canada on furlough, after completing her first term as a missionary under our Society among the Koreans in Japan.

World's Sunday School Convention

THE twelfth World's Sunday School Convention is being held in Oslo, Norway, July 6th to 12th, with about three thousand delegates present from all parts of the world. These represent the federation of forty-eight national Sunday School Associations and Councils of Religious Education, meeting every four years ''with a view to co-ordinating and amplifying its great work of religious education throughout the world.'' Previous Conventions have been held in London, Jerusalem, Rome, Zurich, Tokyo, Glasgow, in three cities of the United States and Rio de Janeiro. Since the meeting in the latter city four years ago, Sunday School enrolment in

Brazil increased forty-three per cent., largely, it is believed, because of the inspiration received from the Convention and the deputation work that followed it.

The Convention theme is: *Kristus Verdens Haap*—Christ the Hope of the World. Among the Canadian delegates, Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Secretary of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, is representing our Church. He is to reply, on behalf of this country, to the roll call of the nations telling of what is being done in Canada. He is, too, giving one of the three addresses of a symposium on Adult Education.

From the inspiration of such a meeting with its study and fellowship should come a greater zeal in the promotion of Christian ideals and thought and the deeper understanding among nations that can alone bring peace.

The Bible Society

THE thirty-first annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada and Newfoundland emphasizes the ideal of *Glorious Liberty.* All missionary work would be severely handicapped without the faithful efforts of this Society to give to people the world over, in their own language, the Scriptures which ''are indeed the Magna Charta of human freedom and the ultimate source of every movement that makes for the true liberty of mankind.''

For the past year the circulation in Canada and Newfoundland was 296,224, a decrease of 2,199; contributions amounted to $98,174.75 as against $108,215.00 in the previous year; legacies for work in Canada were $14,564.26 as against $13,146.60, and legacies for the Parent Society $4,522.88 as against $6,028.45.

A total of $33,715.52 was spent on colportage in Canada: $18,000 by the Society as a whole, mainly in the West, and $15,714.66 by local Auxiliaries. For world-wide work $26,500.00 was sent to London, as against $39,000.00, ''the decrease being largely accounted for by a special gift received the previous year.''

''It is earnestly hoped that increased contributions during the next two or three years will enable the Society to continue its much-needed work in the Dominion, and at the same time enable it to give a more adequate contribution to world-wide work.''

''Christian freedom will in future ages take many forms in many lands, but in whatever land it is called to function, it will loose it from selfish nationalism, imperial or economic in its outlook, and bring ultimate deliverance from the fears of war, want, and the haunting sense of insecurity which at present sit so heavily on the souls of the human race. A Book which contains such a message is surely vital if the nations of the world are to inherit and to pass on 'the glorious liberty of the children of God'.''

An Appeal to Our Readers

MAY we change the usual order and appeal to our readers for copies of the *Glad Tidings*? We are short of certain numbers for our files, which some one may have and may be willing to send us. Those we need particularly are: February, 1926; December, 1927; October and December, 1928; February, 1930. Besides, we have too few copies of: February, 1927; March, 1928; February, 1929; January and March, 1930; October, 1931. We should be very grateful to any one who could send us any of these numbers of the magazine.

Kagawa, the Apostle of Japan

ONCE more great inspiration has come from the East, this time through Dr. Kagawa, ''the best known Christian in the world.'' It is significant of the present-day search for a remedy for the world's distress that wherever he was to speak people of all kinds eagerly crowded to see and hear this great Christian leader, philosopher, economist, social worker, writer, who in his own life is living out the teaching of Christ. In his many addresses in Toronto he emphasized the need of that brotherly love which is at the very heart of the Gospel. Creed is necessary, but true religion must be life and love. The New Testament is a Testament of redeeming love, he said, and unless Christianity means love—the love of God and the love of man—it can mean nothing. He appealed especially to the young people to carry the principle of love into life, thus helping to realize the ideal of Christian brotherhood which alone provides the solution of the world's problems. Christians, to be worthy of the name, must accept their responsibility to *live* Christianity, following its teaching in all aspects of life, political, economic, social and moral.

In Japan more and more emphasis is being placed on evangelism through education and service. Through individual effort, through house-to-house Bible Study groups, through instruction in small Gospel schools among the poor farmers in rural areas and the slum-dwellers in the cities, Japanese Christians, working together, hope to achieve their purpose of Christianizing their people. Dr. Kagawa stressed the importance of having in 1,000 Gospel centres schools whose curriculum includes Bible study, the History of Christian Brotherhood, Rural Sociology, Agriculture, and Manual Labour,—with necessary changes for city schools. Girls are taught weaving, sewing, cooking. Small schools are more easily established than large ones and exercise a greater and better influence. Thousands of the graduates of these schools become leaders and missionaries in their own districts. A staff of travelling Christian lecturers has been organized to go about the provinces—to the 1,000 centres. The people, it is found, respond eagerly to the efforts of Christian leaders when they seek to promote evangelism not only by teaching and preaching but by loving-kindness. Loving service opens the way for Christian teaching.

Great stress is laid, too, on the value of Christian literature as an evangelizing agency, and Christian teaching in ''secular'' books and magazines. This is all the more important because the Japanese read widely, books and magazines are cheap—books cost as little as ten, or even three, cents; and book-shops abound. Being too poor to have many motor cars, they can buy cheap books; and not driving much, they have time to read. This love of reading is being turned to advantage by religious leaders, especially by Kagawa himself, who has published an astonishing number of books—Bible studies, sermons, Christian novels, poetry, works on economic and social problems, besides constant magazine articles. Christian stories and those with a Christian background have a great influence on Japanese boys and girls, even under the most unlikely conditions. Girls like to sing hymns, too. In one case a Christian was asked to teach hymns to the girls in a silk factory as it had been remarked that the quality of silk improved when the girls sang Christian hymns. From books and hymns they unconsciously receive Christian teaching; there is more Christian contact; and it is, therefore, much easier to preach the Gospel to them. Then the girls go back to their own districts and prepare the way for Christianity. Parents become interested, then accept the teaching that has helped their daughters, and gradually other members of the family and friends are willing to hear of Christ.

Of great importance in the work among women and girls is the Purity movement in Japan. Since the War and especially during the last five years a great advance has been made in this movement to make life safer. The number of divorces has decreased by one-third. In nineteen of the forty-six provinces work is now being carried on and laws have been enacted against prostitution. The cure for social evils may often lie in economic reforms, and Christians, Dr. Kagawa maintains, must concern themselves with the economic as well as the spiritual. When co-operative societies and schools bring to the poor better methods of work, economic conditions will improve so that fathers will no longer have to sell their daughters to a life of evil.

Family life in Japan is coming more and more under Christian influence, as Christian customs are being adopted by many non-Christians. Women are, Dr. Kagawa said, combining in a beautiful way the two cultures in Japanese home life. Christians no longer believe it necessary to cut themselves off entirely from the history of the past, and ancestral tablets which were formerly destroyed when the family became Christian are now preserved, not as objects of worship but as most important family possessions.

Thus with the Japanese Christians working together for the evangelization of Japan, marked progress has been possible, but time, patience and persevering effort will be needed if Japan is to become a Christian nation. Dr. Kagawa believes that in time success will be theirs, if they pray, work hard, and love the people.

RENEWAL

Now, as the summer calls to quiet places,
Lord of our labours, guide our halting feet.
Far from the marts, we lift to Thee our faces;
Refresh our souls and in our hearts complete
Thy Spirit's work, amid soft-singing trees,
Where crooning brooks reveal Thy mysteries.

Brush from our lives the dust of petty striving,
Make us forget the foolishness of care;
Let Thy fresh winds blow over us, reviving
Our better thoughts. Within our hearts prepare
Enduring paths of silence. Reverent,
May we find Life indeed, ere time be spent.

—Thomas Curtis Clark in *The Globe.*

Overseas Mission Work

BRITISH GUIANA

THE policy adopted by the Mission Board of our Church for the reconstruction of the work in British Guiana seems to be putting life and vigour into the people to whom we minister — the East Indians. These happy results are due, in a great measure, to the capable leadership of Rev. David Marshall, the Superintendent.

The Church Record of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in British Guiana, edited by two East Indians, contains news of Sunday School entertainments, harvest thanksgiving services, prayer meetings, and Y.M.C.A. activities, in various Churches, with East Indians taking a part in all of them. In St. Cuthbert's Church, Demerara, there is a group of young ladies whose aims are: to cherish health, to seek truth, to know God, and to serve others. They meet every Monday; and on Wednesdays a class of little girls, from four to fourteen years meet, and are taught hymns, Bible stories, sewing, fancy work and games. Miss Violet Debidin is the secretary for both of these classes; Mrs. Marshall has also rendered valuable assistance by her advice and guidance.

Miss Olwen Davies, B.A., appointed principal of the Girls' High School, New Amsterdam, last year, began work in October. She has more than fulfilled our expectations.

She writes that she is very happy in her work, both in school and out. Of the pupils she says, as her two predecessors did, ''They need a great deal of individual attention.'' Soon after her arrival she took over and reorganized the Sunday School, secured Mr. C. E. R. Debidin, who had been an active member of St. Cuthbert's Church, and three East Indian girls as her assistants. She is on two committees in the Girl Guides; and in the Women's Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association; and is active in a Young People's Society. She gave a lecture to the literary section of the Y.M.C.A. on ''Canada,'' illustrated by views of Presbyterian Churches, Knox College, etc.

In view of all these activities among the young people and the children, as soon as possible a thoroughly trained, consecrated Christian deaconess should be sent to British Guiana to train, inspire and help these East Indian girls, who are taking hold of the work so well, so that they can give better service and become leaders and trainers themselves. There does not seem to be any report of work done by, or for, the women. Here would be a fruitful field for the efforts of a deaconess.

We are much pleased at the appointment of Miss Anne Storey, of Elmvale, a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, by our sister society of the Eastern Division, to do evangelistic work in British Guiana. She will have the privilege of doing some of this very helpful work. Our best wishes and prayers go with her.

MANCHURIA

ALTHOUGH as a W.M.S. we have no missionaries in Manchuria, as part of the Church we rejoice in the work accomplished by Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Taonan and Mr. and Mrs. Reoch of Szepingkai. They report that during their itineraries in the outlying districts the people crowd to hear them and in many instances accept the Gospel very literally. Opportunities for service present themselves everywhere. Short-term Bible Schools are held for evangelists and volunteer workers; chapels are being built and the Church established very quickly. Our grant to Mrs. Davis for her work amongst the women is being used to advantage especially in the Short-term Bible School; as also the grant for simple Christian literature so treasured by the people.

We also rejoice in the prospect of a suitable habitation for Mr. and Mrs. Reoch; and for Mr. and Mrs. Johnson when they leave the College of Studies in Peiping. We shall build on the same compound a house for the two evangelists for whose applications for work in this needy field we are still waiting.

SHANGHAI

OUR grant to the Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, through Mrs. Donald MacGillivray has been doubled this year, much to her joy.

We would pay tribute to the great contribution Mr. Zia is making to this Society as editor, translator and publisher. In his contact with Churches, with the young people, with the villagers, and as a speaker over the radio and a member of the Board of the Shanghai Bible Institute, his work is invaluable.

SOUTH CHINA

IN the absence of Dr. Jessie MacBean we have received, through the courtesy of the President of Hackett College, reports from the Secretary, the Superintendent of Nurses, the Chairman of the Religious Work Committee and others. The chapel is still the centre of the daily life of the College, the staff realizing the opportunity the daily service offers. Christian students are in the majority: of 56 students, 40 are Christian; of 64 student nurses, 47 are Christian. The desirability of accepting a greater number of students for training is evident. There are vast numbers needing nursing care for whom no such care is available: also many new fields are opening up for Christian nurses. Positions of trust are being filled by recent graduates: we find 2 teachers in the Canton Hospital School of Nursing; 2 more in a Hong Kong Mission Hospital; 1 in a country hospital to which she went alone three years ago; an increasing number engaged in Public Health nursing; 7 of this year's graduates sought by the local Department of Health for the new dispensaries opened in various parts of Canton.

Needless to say, our regret at having to discontinue our grant to Hackett is hardly less than the dismay of Hackett Council and Board of Directors in the face of increasing opportunities to ''Save Life and Spread the True Light.'' The President, Dr. Wong, in expressing their appreciation of our grant for the last 10 years, asks for a continuance of our prayerful remembrance of their work, and ventures to hope that in time our position may be such that financial help may again be forthcoming.

And from all this activity and interest our W.M.S. missionary, Dr. MacBean, has been removed. Last summer on the advice of her physicians she returned to Toronto for treatment and an operation. She is now recuperating and will be under observation for some time, but is advised not to return to the work so dear to her heart. What Dr. MacBean means to Hackett Medical College is best expressed in this paragraph from a letter from Canton:

''The unexpected leaving of Dr. MacBean for home on account of poor health is profoundly regretted. Her work has been most helpful. During her ten years of service here she has built up the Department of Obstetrics to a degree of efficiency that that department has never known before, and it is recognized as the best in Canton. Her strong personality and wide experience have made this possible. Her leaving at this time affects very seriously the work and incidentally the income of the whole hospital, and we have no one in sight to take her place. We will miss her greatly and pray for her early recovery and return to Hackett.''

R. W. Wong, M.D. (President)
J. F. Karcher, M.D. (Provost).

And in the Hospital Report we read:

''Dr. Jessie MacBean's withdrawal for health reasons is a great blow not only to her colleagues at Hackett but also to her many friends in South China who have learned to love her and value her work. She will be grievously missed in her Department of Obstetrics, for it was largely through her personality and prestige that that one department earned a full 25 per cent. of the total income of the hospital for the year.''

We are proud and thankful that our Society has been privileged to support a missionary so gifted, so wise, so consecrated and devoted to her calling, from the early Kong Moon days as an evangelistic itinerating doctor, through fifteen years as Superintendent of the ''Marian Barclay'' Hospital, and lastly through these wonderful ten years of work at Hackett College and Hospital, the value of which only her colleagues can justly estimate. In her retirement from active work we pray that to her may be vouchsafed healing, joy, and the peace of God.

In connection with the Church of Christ in China and conditions in general, Mrs. Burkwall reports the dire effects of the continued depression which are seen everywhere. The continuous stream of money which was being sent home by Chinese abroad (and so many come from Canton) has ceased. Many of these people have returned and are themselves seeking employment. Banks have closed and other places of business are being closed. The failure of the silk market has greatly affected the Province. Taxes are heavy and farmers get little for their produce. Country Churches have felt the effects and, with the cutting off of supplies from Missions, have a struggle to exist. On the other hand, spiritual gifts have increased and on all sides are open doors for the Gospel message. Voluntary workers have increased and are giving more time to Christian work and deeply spiritual leaders are being gathered in. Mrs. Burkwall, after twenty-four years in China, finds the greatest change is in the leadership which in the early days was in the hands of missionaries entirely.

One bright spot regarding things temporal is that the exchange on money coming from abroad is much more favourable than last year.

Mrs. Burkwall tells of a series of special meetings early in 1935 in Canton which resulted in the changed lives of many highly educated men. One outcome of these meetings was the formation of about 100 little evangelistic groups who have since given much voluntary work, visiting hospitals, prisons and homes. Through their influence, too, one of the older Churches, in celebrating its 50th year as a self-supporting congregation, raised a fund to open and carry on a mission in a needy part of the city. This is something quite unusual.

In a week's Retreat and training class combined, the attendance was better than usual. The programme of sessions in Sunday School methods, Bible study, and devotional talks, singing lessons, etc., seems very similar to that of a Canadian conference of workers.

Mrs. Burkwall attended the Synod as usual as our representative, and has continued to teach in the Canton Bible Institute once a week. It is a joy to hear of so many individual workers in their particular field, students, Bible women, teachers and preachers — some clever, some dull students; some of a happy, others of a fearful disposition; some plodding, others ''mounting up with wings as eagles''; but one and all being changed into the likeness of Christ; then each going into his own home and district finding his ''own brother'' also.

We are inclined to be sad because we have not now a missionary under our W.M.S. in China. However, when we read of Mrs. Burkwall's own home, which is dedicated to God and is indeed a hostel for all who need refreshment for body and mind; of the women trained in Bible schools and other students serving as Bible women and teachers, and of the countless opportunities clearly before us, we are thankful that we are permitted to send our yearly grant to the Church of Christ in China.

FORMOSA

WE owe a debt of gratitude to the missionaries on furlough who through their intercourse with the people of Canadian Churches brought Formosa nearer, made its work and its needs clearer, presenting the problems confronting them as very definite subjects for prayer. It is impossible to estimate the value of the deputation work done by Miss Douglas, Miss Ramsay, Miss Chisholm, and Rev. James Dickson and Mrs. Dickson.

Our loving sympathy goes out to Miss Chisholm who, because of the sudden death of her sister and the serious illness of her mother, has been granted a six months' extension of furlough. Miss Douglas was granted a year's leave of absence from the Principalship of Tamsui Girls' School to study Japanese in Tokyo. Miss Adams, Miss Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Dickson are also studying there.

Changes have taken place in the staff. Miss MacVey returned to Canada and Miss Argall to her home in Japan. We would express our appreciation of their contribution to the work. New members are: Miss

Ruth Heighton, B.A., and Miss Mildred Weir, Reg.N., who are now studying the language, and Miss Georgia Newbury, B.L.I., who after fourteen years of mission work in Japan, was appointed Acting-Principal of the Girls' School. Miss Newbury holds a licence from the Department of Education to teach in any High School in the Japanese Empire.

Miss Burdick, who in addition to her duties as Principal of the Women's School has undertaken much extra work, and Miss Hermanson, who as the only foreign nurse at the Hospital so efficiently carried on as Acting Superintendent, have won the gratitude of those who understand what self-sacrifice this has entailed. We would offer our sincere thanks to each missionary's wife on the field for her splendid voluntary service. We would, too, express our appreciation of the faithfulness of our staff, whether remaining on the field and shouldering the extra responsibilities of the work or going to Tokyo to study Japanese after having become proficient in Chinese.

Left to right. — Miss Ruth Heighton, Miss Mildred Weir, wearing Japanese kimonos.

In September Rev. James MacKay, D.D., Convener of the General Board of Missions, accompanied by his wife and daughter, spent nine days visiting the North Formosa Mission and studying the different phases of the work. Our missionaries believe that this visit was of real service to our work.

The rapid growth of nationalism is so greatly influencing the policy followed in various departments of the work that our missionaries have watched with apprehension its progress and its effect on Formosans, especially in regard to our schools. The Japanese Government requires that emphasis be placed on nationalism in all schools, that only two foreign teachers be engaged in each school, and that all instruction in the schools be given in Japanese. This means that our missionaries must study Japanese as well as Chinese in order to carry on the educational work in which religious teaching is such an important factor. The Government also ordered that pupils of all schools must do homage at the shrine. Upon the assurance of the Japanese Educational Department that this is not, by them, regarded as an act of religion but a demonstration of loyalty to the Emperor, our missionaries have decided to concur and go to the shrine as a gesture of loyalty and homage to the Emperor. The Government representatives have treated our missionaries with courtesy and the latter have always striven as far as possible to meet the requirements of the Japanese Government.

During 1935 Formosa celebrated the fortieth year of Japanese administration of the Island. The main feature of the celebration was an exhibition which lasted two months. On the exhibition grounds our Mission erected a small preaching hall which proved a most gratifying success. Missionary workers were in constant attendance preaching and teaching, and about 30,000 Gospel tracts were distributed. The majority of the people were non-Christian, but Christians from far-off country Churches met with those from other parts of the Island.

The second All-Formosa Christian Youth Conference was held in Tainan in August, with about 150 representatives of groups throughout the Island present, about one-fourth of them young women. These young women introduced themselves, telling what Church they represented, just as our young women do. Each day began with early morning prayer meetings. Addresses were followed by discussion. Of the meetings the most memorable were the morning watches, the sunset meetings, the candle service and Communion.

The North Formosa Christian Young People have been active under the Presbytery's Committee. In summer, Young People's Conferences, lasting three days, were held in four centres. The general theme was ''The Incoming of Young People into the Life of the Present Day Church.'' Subjects studied were: ''Young People and Self-Examination'', ''Young People and Application to the Task'', ''Young People and Christian Life''. Nine Daily Vacation Bible Schools used the programme prepared by Presbytery's Sunday School Committee and completed the courses most successfully. The Bible Memorizing Course comprises four grades in which both groups and individuals are studying. Perhaps the most interesting are a Church Session, or rather all elders and deacons of one congregation, and a group of new hearers who have so much to recite that they have to stand in pairs before the congregation and recite in unison.

A Congress of Christians from all parts of Formosa was held in Taihoku, November 9 - 10th. Over 2,000 attended the special Sunday morning service, the first gathering of its kind in Formosa. Both Japanese and Formosans took part in the services, addresses being delivered in both languages. Nagao Henpeè, a well-known Christian leader in Japan, gave an able review of world affairs, speaking bravely for peace. Discussion forums were held in city churches, with such subjects as: ''How can we fulfil our mission as Christians?'' and ''In what way can we as Christians in Formosa co-operate with one another?''

Evangelism.—Upon her return from furlough Miss Ramsay resumed her valuable work among women and children in the villages. After two years' study of Japanese Miss Heighton will be able to use her talents to widen the scope of this important service. The Bible women contribute a great deal to this part of our work, going from place to place teaching, directing Bible study, and in other ways leading the people to a knowledge of the Gospel. At present there are eight, one of whom speaks the Hakka language. She has helped in the crèche opened in the earthquake district. A recent addition to the group is a nurse, a graduate of Mackay Memorial Hospital and of the Women's School. There has been great need for this type of worker among Formosan women. The hospital Bible women are constant in their ministry among the patients. The kindergarten Bible woman continues to visit the pupils' homes.

Mrs. Koa, special worker, visited the earthquake area and assisted in the distribution of clothing. She supervised the Bible women in several districts, attended quarterly meetings where the work of early missionaries in other countries was studied and visited women in their homes and in Buddhist retreats. The W.M.S. annual meeting, attended by 150 delegates from 15 Churches, presented a most helpful programme and reported a successful year.

Tamsui Girls' School.—The earthquake brought sorrow to many pupils who lost loved ones and homes, in some cases almost entire families being wiped out. Nevertheless, the girls worked willingly to help the survivors. A successful concert was given in March, attended by Government officials, parents, and friends. In November the school held its field day with Miss Okamura, gymnasium teacher in charge, the programme being of exceptional merit. In March seventeen girls graduated with excellent standing, having been carefully trained by faithful teachers. Six pupils united with the Church.

The new Government regulations affect the policy of this school, but present indications are that these will benefit our work eventually. The pupils conduct an active Christian Endeavour, assist in two Sunday Schools and sing in Church choirs. A very happy Christmas was spent by the 156 pupils, who thought of giving rather than receiving.

The Women's School is also subject to the new regulations, but the women are thankful to be allowed to study the Bible in their native (Formosan) tongue. Other instruction is given in Japanese. To assist in this, a Christian Japanese girl has been engaged and the students are making excellent progress in Japanese. Five members joined the Church. Several are studying to become Bible women.

Kindergartens are now self-supporting with an enrolment of 210 in 5 schools and a staff of 8 teachers. They report progress and interest created in Christianity among parents. The teachers also faithfully try to stimulate interest in the Kindergartens by holding Mothers' meetings and visiting in the homes. All are eagerly looking forward to Miss Adams' return to take charge again.

Mackay Memorial Hospital nursing staff consists of Miss Hermanson, Acting Superintendent, Miss Weir, newly arrived nurse, three graduate nurses, fourteen pupil nurses and four probationers. The pupil nurses receive instruction in Japanese and Bible study. There is every reason to congratulate this department on its efficiency. We also congratulate the six members of the hospital staff, among them Dr. and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor, on the honour conferred on them by Taihoku City in the presentation of diplomas of merit for over ten years of Social Service.

The report of the part the Church occupies in the daily life of Happy Mount Leprosy Colony fills our hearts with thankfulness that we have been able to minister in that way to their comfort.

While the reports of all departments of mission work in Formosa are intensely interesting and informative, those relating to Conferences, the Youth Movement, Bible Memorization, etc., show an awakening, a trend towards great things for the future, of which we should take cognizance and for which we should give thanks.

INDIA

JHANSI.—Miss Stringer writes from the Helen Macdonald School that one of the blessings of the year has been to see the new Girls' Hostel nearing completion,—the girls can hardly wait to move into it. Three of the VI form girls passed the departmental examinations with honours, Sunbeam Singh and Salomi Gerard, our own farm girls who are continuing VII grade (High School) work with the hope of becoming teachers; and Phulmani, former ward of the Gwalior circle in Toronto, who went to Lucknow for nurses' training and has successfully passed the probationers' examination. The school year opened in July with new teachers in place of four who had left and an extra one for the new VIII grade. July and August saw a great deal of sickness and the first death among the boarders since 1926 was that of Abigail Abraham, a senior girl whose death on December 23rd saddened the Christmas season. In October Miss Brown, the new teacher, and Miss Stringer attended the United Provinces Teachers' Conference to which the VIII form girls had sent some exhibits, winning a certificate of merit for a large map of India. The Jhansi W.M.S. observed the World Day of Prayer, the President having translated the programme into Hindi. As their contribution from that service Miss Stringer sent five dollars to Canada.

The resignation of Miss Ida McSparron on account of her approaching marriage to Mr. Frank Dean was received with regret. Mrs. Angus MacKay's wonderful offer to resume her teaching and the supervision of the academic work in the Helen Macdonald School, though contrary to our policy, was gladly accepted owing to the necessity of relieving Miss Stringer of the added responsibilities. Returning from furlough, Mrs. MacKay sees the girls' work increased and improved in every way. She is happy also in the supervision of a new venture—having primary school as a separate unit for boys and girls together. It is felt that, if successful, this further step in co-education will raise the whole standard of the school. Four senior girls chosen by matron and staff as most deserving were as a reward included in a trip to visit Sushila and Priscilla, two girls taking teachers' training at Khandwa who hope later to join the Helen Macdonald staff.

Miss McKechnie reports a very busy year and a particularly trying hot season with epidemics of mumps, measles and skin diseases as well as the ever-prevalent dysentery and malaria. For four months the little dispensary almost assumed the proportions of a hospital; there was an average of from 20 to 30 in-patients each week, and 8,884 out-patients were treated. In addition, when time permitted and Nurse Miriam could be left in charge, Miss McKechnie visited in the city, taking an evangelist and giving medical aid; in this work she met with much encouragement. Miss Simpson has concentrated on more extensive medical and evangelistic work in the villages near Jhansi, and feels greatly encouraged to hope for definite results. She also supervises the orphanage, where Grace-bai continues to mother the tiny children under school age; those who are ''promoted'' are constantly replaced by newcomers.

Miss Eleanor McKechnie with a group of orphans, Jhansi.

Baragoan.—Dr. Thurrott and Miss Whatling have been carrying on their intensive evangelistic campaign for a month. They were together in camp at Karlai with the Bible women and preachers. Later Dr. Thurrott moved to Babina, a strategic and accessible point, where she has a small native house on Foreign Mission Board property. Her skill as a medical practitioner has been a great asset, for there are sick people wherever she goes and many maternity cases requiring her attention. Nurse Sophie-bai is Miss Whatling's capable and faithful assistant when Dr. Thurrott is absent. Out of the desire of some young men to learn to read has developed a night school meeting in the W.M.S. bungalow, which gives an excellent opportunity for gospel teaching without the usual distractions. Dr. Thurrott has had, in addition to new Sunday Schools that include adults, young Mohammedans from a military training camp coming for instruction and Miss Whatling is encouraged by the interest of many of the weavers caste; David, the driver, is a willing and faithful Christian, never losing an opportunity to witness. Their motto has been ''The Lord Thy God in the midst of Thee is Mighty. He will save.'' We are confident that their earnestness and faithfulness will be rewarded.

Amkhut.—The missionaries in the Bhil field recognized the Diamond Jubilee of our Church by preparing a ten years' report, 1925-1935, very comprehensive and full of pictures, which has been received with great appreciation and circulated as widely as possible. In it Miss Williamson gives an interesting list of young men and women who were in 1925 on the roll of the Amkhut school and are now filling useful places in the Christian community as teachers, evangelists, Bible women, nurses, compounders, mechanics, house servants; one is a doctor. Miss Sherrick obtained unusually good results in her two years' language study. During Miss Williamson's absence, besides teaching Bible and English, she took charge of the academic work and reports a successful year, with 160 pupils enrolled and 12 teachers. Seven girls were sent to continue their High School work and Bible training in Khandwa and Shapur. A ''mela'' in March proved a time of great blessing when school was closed and meetings held for all, even children. The fine Christmas programme was planned and carried out most creditably by Mary and Naomi, two graduates of Jubbulpore High School. The latter was the first Bhil girl to pass matriculation examinations; it is hoped there will be many more like her.

Miss Maxwell relinquished her responsibilities as W.M.S. Treasurer and supervisor of W.M.S. activities in Amkhut when Miss Williamson returned. She had felt it a privilege to be associated with the boys and girls, the teachers and their families, but she was glad to get back to camp with her evangelists in a new district among prosperous Bhil farming people, where she was cordially welcomed. The Bhils appear to be receptive to the teaching and the close contact made gave opportunity for deep spiritual experiences that will surely bear much fruit.

Miss Errey reports a happy, busy year in the M. G. Abey Memorial

Children's Nursing Home, the children being a source of constant joy. There were eight at the beginning of the year, then six more came, but of these two were promoted to the school and one died, leaving eleven at the year's close. Many sick babies and children were brought for daily treatments, but, when possible, Miss Errey treated cases of sickness in the homes. As a prophylactic measure against malaria, quinine supplied by the W.M.S. was administered to the whole school twice a week. Miss Errey's staff was the same, Jumna-bai, Ruth and Chetu; and the garden was a source of profit and pleasure.

Miss McConnell and Miss Errey attended a Nurses' Convention in Nagpur in October, when they had the pleasure of meeting missionary nurses from all India and many other parts of the world. It was a comfort to compare problems and to know that all are working together to improve customs which are a handicap to the profession and to the health of communities.

W.M.S. Missionaries, Bhil Field.
Left to right.—Miss Ellen Douglas, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Miss Mary Sherrick, Miss Christine Maxwell, Miss Isobel McConnell, Miss Iris Errey, Miss Marion Williamson.

Jobat.—Miss McConnell and Miss MacMurchy are agreed that medical work is essential to any full presentation of the Gospel. It shows the love of God in a way that is universally understood, and the Hospital becomes more and more a fruitful field for evangelism. There were 463 in-patients admitted in 1935, an increase of nearly 100, and 12,987 out-patients cared for, of whom 5,800 were new patients. There were 20 maternity cases, and Miss McConnell gave 85 anæsthetics for major operations alone. Miss McConnell remained in Jobat during the hot weather, taking her holiday later, for not only were they extremely busy, but also under-staffed, and building operations entailed much supervision and book-keeping. An account of the opening of the new Louise Henderson Maternity Ward has already been given, and the Mary Broadbent Training Home for Nurses and Bible Women is nearing completion.

Miss MacMurchy was enabled, by the addition of two graduate Indian nurses to the staff, to initiate the more extended evangelistic work which she and Miss McConnell had planned. She was assisted by six Bible women who will follow up the patients who have already heard the Gospel. There are few villages in Jobat State where some of the people have not reaped benefit from the Hospital. Miss MacMurchy had the help of Yumna-bai, an Indian nurse-evangelist, in visiting homes in many villages; they also spent some time with Miss Douglas in camp. Miss Douglas's fifth year in India brought new work and many new experiences. When the supervision of Primary Schools began, all had to work on the same basis and a programme of studies in Hindi with suggested methods was distributed to all teachers. This has resulted in a much greater effort to keep up to the standard, and the schools have been training-centres for teachers as well as children. Visits varying in length, according to the size and need of the school, were made by Miss Douglas, at least one each month, and examinations given three times a year. There are eight schools established and requests for three more, when suitable teachers can be obtained. Young men in training, who are fine citizens of Christ's Kingdom, show promise of filling these positions. ''Day by day characters are being moulded and there is brought to the Master Builder some wandering child, some lost or hidden talent to be used by Him in building up His Kingdom in the Bhil land.''

A great blank in the life of the Bhil community was left by the passing of the beloved missionary, Mrs. John Buchanan, on May 15th, but she leaves an example that will ever be a source of strength and inspiration to those who remain. Our heartfelt sympathy has been with Dr. Buchanan and his daughters in their great loss, and with the Bhil Christians to whom she was indeed a mother.

Appreciative letters were received from Dr. Edith Brown of Ludhiana Medical College, and Miss K. N. Brockway of St. Christopher's Training School in acknowledgement of our annual grants and one is glad to report an extension and increase of work and results in both these centres.

JAPAN

MISS MacLEAN returned to the Korean Mission in Japan last September. Some familiar faces are missing, a number of people having returned to Korea and some having been called to higher service, but, finding new Christians in each group, she realizes the Holy Spirit is still at work among the people.

At Church one Sunday in Oge she noticed a young girl with a very horrible-looking blind eye. A doctor who was consulted said it must be removed to save the sight of the other eye. Miss MacLean found the parents were anxious to have the eye removed, but they had no money. She had the girl go to a Japanese hospital where a Christian doctor operated. Later an artificial eye was put in. Little Yang Soonie is very happy indeed, because Miss MacLean was kind and because some one in Canada was interested in missions and gave Miss MacLean money for her work. Her mother attends Church faithfully and gives God all the praise for what has been done for her daughter.

The kindergartens maintain their good record, with more pupils than ever before. Many younger brothers and sisters of former pupils come to the schools, which shows that parents like the kindergarten training. Many former pupils attend Sunday School; thus the seed continues to grow.

The W.M.S. grows not only in numbers but in efficiency; the women can now take charge of meetings and speak well on the topic. The offerings of many societies help to support their Bible woman and their Church. Their motto for this year is: ‘‘Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ.’’

Miss Anderson says: ‘‘The truth this year has brought me is a vital one, the place we as Christian workers must give to the Holy Spirit.’’ The year was evidently a difficult one, its problems numerous and complicated, and she gives praise for the Lord’s help and guidance. Though administering the affairs of the Mission might be a helpful experience, Miss Anderson and Miss Murphy, a missionary under the Eastern Division, had a heavy responsibility during the months they were the only missionaries on the field. Decisions to be made concerning workers and finances often caused great anxiety and interrupted their work, but nothing interfered with private prayers, their morning worship, or the weekly prayer meeting.

The first days of the new year found many gathered in different centres for Bible study. Many factories closing about this time, labourers like to spend this holiday in learning all they can of God’s Word. Classes commence early in the morning and continue well into the afternoon, then homes are visited and all invited to the evening evangelistic meeting. In the spring when Miss Anderson and her helper went to towns and cities to hold meetings they met with a splendid response. Sometimes only a few accepted the invitation to evening meetings, but as a rule the little Churches could not hold all who came, and many believed.

The missionaries have been cheered by the steady growth of the group in Oishi, near their home in Kobe. There they hope some day to have a church and Bible Institute, where teachers and other lay workers could be trained, but much money is needed for this. One woman in this group always has her Bible near while she is at work so that in odd minutes she may learn texts and study its truths. Here, too, is a young man eager to attend Theological Seminary, but because of ill-health unable to do so. He lives in such close touch with Christ that he possesses great power in drawing others to his Master. A boy who was converted came to Miss Anderson for Bible instruction. He is now attending college, very happy to be a Church member. Some day he hopes to return and preach the Gospel to his own people.

The objective of this Mission is the presentation of the Gospel to every Korean in Japan. This is done in about seventy churches and meeting-places each Sunday, and during the week the regular workers and Christians witness in surrounding districts. Thus the workers by preaching, teaching and example do give a clear presentation of the Gospel, and the Lord is giving the increase.

It was a great disappointment to all on the field that Mrs. Luther Young was not well enough to return with her husband. She is slowly improving and looking forward to going to her home in Japan in the autumn if God so wills. Let us remember her in prayer.

Investiture of the Rana at Jobat

OF great interest to our missionaries in India was the Investiture of the young Rana of Jobat with powers by the Political Agent on March 14th. We are indebted to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Jobat, for an interesting account of the ceremony, which was witnessed by our missionaries in the Bhil field. The importance of the ceremony itself, investing the young Rana who had been specially trained for his position as head of the State, the presence of many distinguished guests, the enthusiasm of the crowds for their young ruler, the addresses of the Political Agent and of the Rana, the brilliance of the scene with the many-coloured costumes—pink, blue, green, brown, yellow, white, mauve silk coats and turbans of every colour—all made the occasion a memorable one. In replying to the Agent's address advising him "to make his rule a rule of law, to be careful of the State's finances, and to use care in the choice of officials and servants," the twenty-year-old Rana pledged himself to do all in his power to promote the happiness and welfare of his people, their interests coming before his own. At the close of his address the Rana offered *Itra pan* to the Political Agent and the Raja of Alirajpur ("sprinkled scent on the handkerchief and gave a certain nut as a token of friendship and honour"), and garlanded them. The principal State officials then offered *nazars* to the Political Agent ("went in turn to him, carrying in clasped hands a handkerchief in which was a gold coin, meant as a gift and a sign of subordination"). The Political Agent touched the coin to show he accepted it, but did not take it—a sign of goodwill on his part. Luncheon, tennis, tea and a State dinner completed the day's celebration.

Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, Giver of all good gifts, accept our thanksgiving for Thy great love so freely given. We thank Thee for the many mercies we have received in the past. Thou hast indeed been more ready to give than we to receive. Help us, O Lord, at all times to show our gratitude by our gifts of service and of love. Help us to give liberally of our worldly possessions that the Light of the Gospel may speedily be carried into the dark corners of the world. Bless the labourers who are carrying the message of salvation to those who know Thee not; give them the wisdom and strength to overcome the many obstacles in their pathway. May they feel Thy presence ever near them. Most gracious Father, open the doors of opportunity that the workers both at home and abroad may enter in and find those who are ready and eager to learn more of Thee.

We pray that each woman of our Church may feel her responsibility to those around her who are not following the Master. Through the power of Thy Divine Spirit may the many thousands in our own land who know Thee not be led into the fold where there is joy and fullness of life forever more.

We ask for Thy richest blessing upon all branches of our work. Guide us in all our undertakings. We ask especially for Thy blessing on the work for the young people and the boys and girls of our land. Give the leaders wisdom and understanding. Prepare the young hearts that the seed sown may bring forth much fruit. Increase our faith and make us more zealous in spreading the Gospel. We would not pray that the battle be made easier, but rather that courage and determination may be ours to go forward and face the future, knowing that Thou wilt strengthen those who put their trust in Thee.

Be very near to the sick and suffering and to those who are finding the way difficult. May suffering and discouragement lead them closer to Thee, purge out the dross and leave behind only the pure gold of Christ-like character. These blessings we ask in the name of Thy beloved Son our Lord and Master.

Amen.

God is everywhere! the God who framed
Mankind to be one mighty family,
Himself our Father, and the world our home.

—*Coleridge.*

Report of Religious Work Committee Hackett Medical College, 1935

BOTH the nursing and the medical students have a Christian Association. With the presence of thirteen men students in the school of medicine, several of whom are active upon the cabinet, we of necessity dropped the letters ''Y.W.'' from the title. The Nurses' Association hold a vesper service of their own three evenings a week. To both of these Associations we are indebted for several special services during the year, such as Mothers' Day, the Candle Lighting service, and particularly our Christmas programmes. The medical students' Christian Association has shown a renewed interest in financing the village school in Poon Tong, a wretched village in our rear. Last year this little school in Poon Tong was made the opening wedge for public health service, a free clinic being held there once a week. A new field of unlimited opportunity is open to us here.

Dr. Hume in his recent visit urged the closer linking of the hospital with the neighbouring church. With us this co-operation has largely come through the evangelistic work carried on in the hospital wards and out-patient clinic. Two of the daily services in the wards are now entirely cared for each week by a little band of evangelistic workers that come from the Wong Sha (Yellow Sand) and another neighbouring church. Mr. Chan Fuk Hing, a layman of the Yellow Sand church, has preached in our out-patient clinic each Friday for the last four years. Several of our staff and students are members of these Churches. Our blind Bible woman is organist each Sunday in still a third Church, while Mrs. Hoh, our second Bible woman, acts as usher in another. These Churches look to us to share in the burden of caring for those of their number who fall sick and cannot pay their hospital expenses.

This scattering of the seed goes on constantly in our hospital with the continual coming and going of many patients. It is difficult to follow up many of them who return to the country villages where there is no Church. Mrs. Hoh goes constantly here in the city, but so often she finds the former patient is out or has moved away, or has become less receptive with the return to an unsympathetic family. The best results are from among patients who come back regularly to out-patient clinics and return to the Bible women as to old and dear friends. Mrs. Tseng, our former registrar for many years, was telling me last week of a family of nine that had become Christian through the conversion of the mother who was ill in our hospital for one year.

A meeting for the servants is held each Sunday evening. This meeting has become the responsibility of Miss Poon who is in charge of the hospital kitchens. I always think of the Good Shepherd who knoweth His flock by name. She knows them every one by name; she knows, too, whether they have tried to cheat or scrimp their work, and she talks to them of these sins in quaint but vivid Chinese and because they know how honest and just she is herself they listen to her as to no other. None in this group come from Christian homes; the majority of them cannot read. They are set in their superstitious ways. It is not easy to win them to Christ. Four of them were baptized last year. One of the four was Tai Sam, a wrinkled, lame old servant who has scrubbed floors here faithfully for us thirty years; and Ah Fuk, our alert young buyer, who has just married and started a Christian home.

Chapel talks by the staff have shown better preparation and a more living experience in Christ. Pupil nurses have stepped up more promptly and more smilingly to help us sing in the ward services. Three busy head nurses have given their precious evening leisure to teaching a group of servants to read. Several difficult questions have been settled with a spirit of sympathy and patience that was not here before. In such ways as these do we know that Jesus Christ is having a better chance to work through men and women here at Hackett than He had a year ago.

—Margaret Jones Hofmann, Chairman of Committee.

A Glimpse into the Chapel at Hackett

PERSONAL REPORT, 1935

GERTRUDE HILL

NINE o'clock in the morning at Hackett! Ding dong, ding dong. Students rushing from the dining-room, back to their rooms, down the stairs into the chapel. Men students sitting in the reading-room with the morning paper, oblivious to the ding dong; when the first hymn is well started they saunter forth and stroll into chapel, unwilling to miss this morning observance and equally unwilling to admit that they really want to go. Doctors and head nurses in their white uniforms coming from their various departments. The young Chinese writer, who is having his first contacts with Christianity, at first slipping unobtrusively into a back seat, gradually gaining assurance, and now taking his accustomed seat half way down the aisle.

On the left are the probationers in their lavender uniforms, filling almost the entire side of the room. Among them are three who have themselves been patients in this hospital, and returned here for their training. Another, a young person of discrimination, watched the nurses who helped at a municipal public health demonstration, decided she liked the Turner ones best, and threw her lot in with them. On the right are the young first year medics, among them a few Christians, a Buddhist, an agnostic, and other non-Christians, one or two inclined to be scornful. They are eager and restless and wonder why they have to come to this nine o'clock service. As a matter of fact, they do not have to, but student public opinion seems to have given them the impression that they do. One of the girls longs to be an aviatrix instead of an earth-bound doctor. In the centre are the seniors, eagerly drinking in all they can this last year before they enter upon their internships and then go out on their fearful own. There is the girl who wanted more than anything else to be a physical director, but who has gone through all the disagreeable stages of her medical course in obedience to family. There are the two little cousins, built short and stocky like the Japanese; one pretty and plump and placid though intent upon her professional career; the other with homely, protruding teeth and unmanageable hair, but with a steady eye which looks straight into yours and holds it until the idea is not only grasped but comprehended. We should like her for a family doctor. The cousins are not yet Christian; their interest is challenged, but they are still honestly weighing points. There is the one who bade fair to be the class dilettante, an adept at asking questions beside the point, but who gradually settled into the pace of the others and holds good promise.

Back of them are ranged the other classes. There is a third generation Christian, another who is not only accepting graciously the will of the family, but who feels she must in every possible way make returns to her doctor mother for the exhausting effort she has put into the education of the children. Beside her is the daughter in a non-Christian home of many mothers. There is the tall pharmacy student with his angular, mocking face who seldom comes to chapel but whom we long to capture and help develop the fineness which is his. There is the young mother who has lost some of the spring from her step and the happiness from her eyes since the recent death of her baby (some of the students have left families at home while they study). There is the languid youth whose written work is always handed in late, and beside him the young man from our Linchow station whose snapping eyes thirst for knowledge and are a teacher's joy.

And from the platform what is being given to these young men and women? Ah, there is the problem. One zealous member of staff on whom we counted for help has felt impelled to take St. Paul at his word and keep silence before men. Some very young members probably agree with the pretty, dainty young technician who after giving her reasons for asking to be excused from leading chapel—in a letter written with the aid of a young man less unfamiliar than she with the intricacies of the English language—concluded: ''From this you will understand that the praying leadership situation is not the boy for me.''

But there is also the young public health nurse whose baptism is but a few months behind her, whose first chapel talk opened wide the eyes even of those who knew her best. A wag in her student days, she had not revealed the depth which came out in her talk. Asked where she got the material, she replied simply, ''From studying my Bible''. As we look back over the years we see what great progress has been made by the staff, in carefulness of preparation and in realization of the opportunity which is ours in utilizing this precious daily half hour. It is the centre of our life at Hackett. As a member of the chapel committee whose privilege it is to arrange for the speakers and to assist in suggestions for talks, and to try to stimulate a growing devotional dependence in these embryonic doctors and nurses, I submit this very inadequate glimpse into an intensely vital part of the work of the autumn. The doctors and nurses who as students seemed histrionically gifted and able to face any audience lose appetite and are sleepless before an approaching chapel talk. It is most encouraging,—this indication of growing pains.

Lantern Slides

A SET of slides on the work of our Church in Manchuria was prepared during the summer of 1935, and was sent out to the provinces in October. We are deeply grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Goforth for the time and valuable assistance which they gave and hope the interest in that field will be the reward of their gracious help. The slides were made from pictures loaned by them.

The reports from the provinces are encouraging. Alberta reports a busy year. Eight sets were sent to Edmonton, where they were used twenty times. Eleven sets were used in Calgary, three in Red Deer, and Miss Grigor had four sets which she used at three different points. She wrote that when the pictures were shown the churches and schools were crowded, many standing. The pictures helped the people to understand something more of the work. British Columbia reports a good year. The Dr. MacBean set was in British Columbia for some time and was sent from there to Alberta. Saskatchewan and Manitoba report more interest and the Secretary writes that the pictures give a clearer understanding of work in foreign lands. Ontario's Secretary says that it is quite evident that in all departments the story of the work at home and abroad, when told with the addition of pictures, is growing in popularity. Quebec reports that the set on Japan was the most popular. The Bhil Field, Canadian Indians and, at the end of the year, the Manchukuo pictures were much in demand. In the Maritimes, the slides were used twenty times, one set being sent to Bermuda, the most distant Church in the Maritime Synod.

Summary of Use of Slides.—Alberta 55; British Columbia 43; Manitoba and Saskatchewan 71; Ontario 231; Quebec 60; Maritimes 20; total 480.

For slides, boxes, express, the amount spent was $220.11; the Board of Missions, the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, and the Women's Missionary Society, each paying one-third ($73.37).

A Great Company

Day of Prayer, 1936

THE Day of Prayer has made a golden road round the world. On this road year by year are found in increasing numbers travellers praying as they journey towards the City of God. In Canada 1,298 meetings have been reported, at which were gathered thousands of women and girls joining in prayer and praise to the Saviour of the World — mingling their petitions for peace with those of thousands of gatherings of women in other lands through whose prayers and work the coming of the ideal of world Christianity is being brought nearer.

Turning the radio early on the morning of February 28th, the first thing one heard, softly played on a piano, was the hymn ''Sweet hour of Prayer'', which seemed so perfectly to tune one's heart to the true meaning of the day. Later from New York came the coast-to-coast broadcast beginning with a prayer some words of which were: ''With one accord on this day, our Father, in many lands, on all the continents, and on the isles of the seas, we come to Thee, praying together for peace on earth, goodwill among men.'' ''God, our Father, lay upon us all as citizens the responsibility and the will to secure not only justice for all, but bread and butter, shelter and work, the protection and the happiness of little children, and the well-being of all the citizens.'' Then the singing of ''In Christ there is no East or West'' was followed by a short address and the news cabled that morning that Mrs. Poling, President of the Council of Women for Home Missions, had attended the earliest world morning service at sunrise in New Zealand.

A brief history of the Day of Prayer written by Miss Norton has been largely used and proved very acceptable. Another edition will be ready in time for the Day of Prayer, February 12th, 1937.

The total amount of the offering is $5,573 — $377 less than last year, partly accounted for at least by the fact mentioned in scores of letters that very severe weather made the roads in the country quite impassable and in the cities the walking almost impossible, thus interfering seriously with the attendance and offerings. An earnest and devotional spirit continues unabated. Letters and contributions came from every province. In particular may be mentioned the additional meetings held in the Yukon. Stellarton, N.S., now world famous for the heroic rescue by its Draegermen at Moose River, had its meeting also.

If space permitted many extracts might be given from these letters, but the following will suffice to show how deeply the observance of the day and its spiritual meaning have taken hold of Canadian women's hearts and lives at home and abroad.

Jhansi, India: ''We had a very nice meeting. The President, who is one of the teachers, translated the programme into Hindi and we had a joint meeting of the women and girls. As all the women of the congregation were invited, a number who are not members of the W.M.S. were present.'' Collection $5.

Chengtu, West China: ''I have much pleasure in sending to you the offerings of the Day of Prayer meetings here in West China ($5.94). This is the first time the Day of Prayer programme has been used at Chengtu. I felt greatly cheered by the warm response.''

From a Formosan Hospital: ''Copies of the World programme were mimeographed and sent to the different Bible Women in our field. Two Hospital Bible women arranged everything themselves. The meeting was held at noon when the Hospital wash women and cooks could join in. They followed the prepared service and even took up a small offering! There were about 12 women patients in the hospital, but with the cooks and laundry women (5 in all) and the nurses there were 25 women. The offering amounted to almost Yen 3.00. Several of the patients said how much they had enjoyed the service and, of course, there were many who had never heard of such a thing before and perhaps became a little bit interested, too, in the Message.''

Dawson, Yukon: ''We had a Day of Prayer service in the Church here for the first time and will always join in it in future. There was a splendid representation of the women of Dawson. Everyone felt the service so worth while and entered into the spirit with much devotion.''

Winnipeg, Man.: ''There were four sectional meetings for school girls, but at two of these they felt it better to have no collection, the women of those districts paying for the girls' programmes. Our meetings for the girls of school age, organized for the first time this year, were very happy and successful, and we feel justified in continuing them. There was a splendid spirit of Christian love and fellowship manifested in all the services.''

St. Thomas, Ont.: ''Quite a few young people and children attended the World Day of Prayer meeting with friends and parents. Some felt they would love to tarry longer. Very sacred and inspiring. More interest every year. Some rural places had good services in the evening for young people.''

Holinfields, Man.: ''As there is not a W.M.S. here the Mission Band undertook to get the women to gather and hold a service on February 28th, using the programmes for that day. We thought the service very successful and well worth while. It was the first of the kind held here.''

''We organized ten years ago and the interest has been deepening and the attendance growing from year to year—the last few years our place of meeting has been filled, all the seven Protestant Churches and the Salvation Army uniting in a grand fellowship of prayer.''

In Alberta: ''Thirty-five ladies attended, and the meeting was very helpful and impressive. We look forward each year to these services. One lady told me she left home at 8 a.m. this morning, walked a mile through the snow to a neighbour's to catch a ride to town, so that she could attend this meeting. In spite of extremely cold weather and bad roads, a number of country women attended.''

''We are glad to report that a meeting was held on Garden River Reserve for Ojibway Indian women. Fourteen Indian women and two white women attended. Three of the hymns on the programmes were sung in Ojibway. This first attempt was most encouraging.''

''The first time a day of prayer has been observed at Bella Bella, B.C. As we are new in this field, I thought I would try it and was glad to see how well the women entered into it. They are a fine type of Indian women and prayed in their own language.''

''We had a wonderful time. Although in a small corner of the world, we knew that we were one with the women all over the world in this great institution of prayer to Almighty God.''

Alert Bay, B.C.: ''We held a continual Chain of Prayer for over twelve hours. Also a Youth service at 4 p.m., when C.G.I.T. girls and Boy Scouts participated. A United Service was also held at 7.30 p.m., followed by Holy Communion at 9 p.m. All denominations took part.''

The following seems to make a fitting close to these extracts. ''The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.'' God grant that the fervent prayers of the women of the world, ''a great company,'' may speed the day when Peace will descend like a benediction on a perilously tried and anxious world. —*Bessie MacMurchy.*

Allocation of Day of Prayer Contributions, 1936:

Chinese Christian Literature, Shanghai	$200.00
Chinese Christian Literature for Women and Children	200.00
West China Press—Chengtu	100.00
Kagawa Fellowship for Christian Literature, Miss L. L. Shaw	250.00
Japanese Christian Literature	250.00
Korean Christian Literature	200.00
Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields	500.00
Moslem Christian Literature	300.00
African Christian Literature, Miss Wrong	700.00
Indian Christian Literature	625.00
Ludhiana College, India, for Christian Literature	100.00
Vellore College, India, for Christian Literature	100.00
Jewish Christian Literature	600.00
Canadian School of Missions	400.00
Interdenominational Leper Mission for Christian Literature	200.00
Upper Canada Tract Society	200.00
British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada	150.00
	$5,075.00

YOUNG WOMEN

CONFERENCE IMPRESSIONS

A DREAM come true! On the evening of June 12th, within the walls of Knox College Chapel there gathered two hundred and fifty young women, inspired by the Conference theme: Pray, Give, Go,—young women interested and courageous, eager to dare and to do, but more eager still to discover the best way to help achieve the high purpose of their Church in her endeavour to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. The Young Women's Auxiliaries' Leaders' Fellowship of Toronto Presbyterial had invited the Young Women's groups of the Ontario Provincial to join them in a week-end conference, and representatives had responded from thirty-one places in Ontario, while eight delegates from Quebec and one from British Columbia were also present.

The setting for the conference was ideal—Knox College Chapel with its Gothic arches, its quiet of hushed expectancy, while the whole interior glowed in the golden sunshine filtering through the softly coloured windows.

''Programme Building'', ''Books to help study groups'', ''A Challenge to Young Women'' and ''The Candidates Department of the W.M.S.'' were among the subjects presented. The Question Drawer produced lively discussion on many essential points, such as ''Methods of securing Missionary Funds'', and ''The Place of Worship in the Programme.'' The majority favoured free-will offerings rather than the raising of money by teas, sales, etc.; while worship was stressed as of paramount importance, if the spiritual significance of mission work is to be developed.

A drive to some of Toronto's beauty spots provided pleasant relaxation after a serious and strenuous day, and was followed by a well arranged banquet. Greetings were brought from the Council Executive by the President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, and from Ontario and British Columbia by Mrs. Wm. Ekins and Miss Frances White. The guest speaker, Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Saskatchewan Provincial, in response to the request of the young women, told of a delightful week-end spent with our Hungarian congregation at Bekevar, and of the organization of their W.M.S. Auxiliary, making special reference to the opportunity and promise presented there among the splendid group of young people.

Sabbath morning and another day of sunshine and loveliness! The noise of business hushed to the calm of church bells calling people to worship. Dale Presbyterian Church was thronged with young women for the conference service, which opened with the large audience standing while the Maurice Cody school choir of fifty girls and boys entered singing ''O Worship the King''. The service, conducted by Miss Laura Pelton, moved forward with the quiet dignity of true worship. Hearts were uplifted in thankful praise by the sweet unaccompanied singing by the choir of the grand old Psalm, ''I to the Hills will Lift Mine Eyes''. Miss Pelton's address on ''Missions in To-day's World'' had for its central thought the wonderful certainty that in the Gospel of Jesus Christ lies the solution of the world problems of to-day. A fitting close to this history-making service was the recessional hymn, ''Pray, Give, Go'', led by the choir.

At the afternoon session Miss Mary E. Anderson of Kobe, Japan, spoke of her work among the Koreans; Dr. Jessie MacBean, formerly of Hackett Medical College, Canton, China, of the work among the lepers in South China, and Dr. Effie Winchester, newly appointed to Jobat Hospital, India, gave her reasons for deciding to dedicate her medical skill to missionary work.

After the closing session the delegates met for a short social hour at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home where they were cordially welcomed by the Principal, Miss Ferguson.

As the hour for the closing session in the Chapel drew near, hearts were filled with mingled feelings of regret at parting and eagerness to translate into action the ideas and inspiration gained. Miss Nellie Smith very beautifully gathered up the unexpressed thoughts of all in her closing message based on Revelations 3: 8, ''Behold, I have set before thee an open door.'' Before each one, she emphasized, there is the open door of responsibility and service, and the value of the conference must be measured by the realization it had brought to each of her responsibility, while its effectiveness would be seen in that responsibility expressed in terms of service.

And now, what of it all? These young women have taken up the torch lighted by loving hands in days long gone. They come to their service with special training, with keen interest, with high ideals, and unfaltering faith. They come to Pray, to Give, to Go. Our interest and our prayers are with them. We are glad that to us has been given the joy of rejoicing in their devotion, their service and their achievement—for they will go far in the coming days. —*H.W.H.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

THE SUPPLY CONTEST

THE winners in the Supply Contest for Girls' Organizations were announced by Mrs. Kelman at the public meeting of the Council in Knox Church, Toronto, on May 28th. In the Senior division, the first prize was awarded to Mrs. L. Craig's group in First Church, Verdun, Quebec, and the second prize to Mrs. L. N. Hammar's group in Knox Church, Stratford, Ontario; while in the Intermediate division, St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon,—Miss Helen Ross, Leader—won the first prize, and St. Andrew's

Church, Windsor, Ontario—Miss Jean Macdonald, Leader—the second prize.

Those in charge of the contest were very much gratified by the response, the greatest that has yet been made. The forty-six entries, from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec, showed not only skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc., on the part of the girls, but also a wonderful ingenuity in manufacturing useful articles out of used material, at little or no cost in money. In making their decision, the judges said, the usefulness of the articles submitted was the deciding factor.

Looking at the varied collections, we could imagine what pleasure the girls must have had in making the things and what thought must have gone into the planning and contriving, as toys and good-looking, useful articles were manufactured out of what might ordinarily be discarded as of no further value. What a host of new ideas, too, the contest has given to the leaders of girls' groups who have seen the display of collections!

To the girls who did the work, to those leaders who have obtained new ideas for handicraft, to the girls and boys and older people in hospitals and in frontier settlements to whom the supplies will be distributed, this Supply Contest has meant and will mean much.

MISSION BANDS

JOHN AND MARY IN JHANSI, INDIA

PART II.

By Miss Ethel M. McCutcheon

NEXT morning Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacKay invited Mary and John and their parents to go out to the mission farm with them. Over the eight miles of bumpy roads they drove in the mission car. As they went along Mrs. MacKay told them that Dr. Wilkie, about thirty years ago, saw that while teaching the people about Jesus, he could also teach them how to farm properly and so improve their living conditions. As most of the farmers were very poor, although the land was good, he decided to try an experimental farm. He sent for seeds and machinery to Canada and Great Britain. Some of the natives helped him and thus learned how to farm. Soon he was able to raise wonderful crops, and the farmers all around were helped, both Christian and non-Christian. In 1915 Mr. Hawtin went out from Canada to take charge, and under his trained leadership the farm has grown to over 1,600 acres.

As their car approached the farm the children exclaimed at the lovely flowers and the poinsettia hedges with their large red blooms. Mary said it looked like Christmas, if only there were snow on the ground. John thought the bananas they could see growing looked good. When they saw the stone bungalow John asked Mrs. MacKay why all the mission buildings were stone or cement. She explained that there is very little wood used in India as the white ants eat it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin were at the door to welcome them. First, they saw the large garden and flowers near the house, and then went to see the barns and the cows and chickens. They saw a little brown boy sitting cross-legged on the flat top of one building sorting out peanuts. Then they got into the car again, and Mr. Hawtin showed them over the farm. In large fields wheat, barley, and rice were growing. Many men were working in the fields. Mr. Hawtin explained that some were his helpers just learning to farm, while others had rented fields and were farming for themselves. They all lived in nearby villages and came out in the mornings to their work.

When Mary and John returned to the house the men were gathering in a group on and near the verandah. Mrs. Hawtin told the men a Bible story. After that they sang a few hymns and had prayers. Thus the men and boys there are learning about Christ as well as learning how to make a living from the land.

After a delicious lunch of vegetables and lovely oranges which are not quite like our, they left for Jhansi again. The children's father thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin for showing them the work that they were doing in Christ's name in a land so far from home. He said, ''Your land is far from Canada, but it is joined to it by hands eager to help and so stretched out across the seas to clasp those of our brown brothers and sisters in India.'' When Mary and John heard their father say this, they were glad that they, in their Mission Band, had stretched out their hands to help also.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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RED DEER P.S.—The Red Deer Presbyterial Executive met at Innisfail in April, Mrs. H. Jack presiding at both sessions. The reports submitted by the various Secretaries indicated real interest in the work. Mrs. Jack stressed the need of more Mission Bands and work among the girls and young people. Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, outlined a programme for Mission Band leaders and gave much valuable information on the work. At the evening session, Miss Lamont gave an inspiring address on ''Lord of the lands, make Canada *Thine*''. The Red Deer Presbyterial is grateful to Miss Lamont for her visits to the various Auxiliaries and for the encouragement she has given them.

At the regular meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, Red Deer, ''*Glad*

Tidings Day'' was observed. Mrs. Hanna sketched the history of our W.M.S. down through the seventy years since its inception. Mrs. Yuill spoke on Rev. Charles and Mrs. Young's work among the Bhils of India. Mrs. A. Fyfe pictured Christmas in Korea, Japan, while Mrs. Lancaster read a paper on our work in British Guiana and also spoke of the great contribution Dr. Margaret Savage is making to the Peace River country.

The Welcome Mission Band of Memorial Church, Rocky Mountain House, under the leadership of Miss E. Jones, assisted the pastor at the Sunday evening service recently, each girl doing her part very creditably.

Although the Associate Society at Penhold has only six members, they are carrying on the work in a very enthusiastic manner. Interesting papers on current events are read at their meetings and a thorough study of the study book has been made. A mission box is used for birthday offerings and their regular donations, and to fully meet their objective a tea is being planned at which they hope to have Miss Matthews as a special speaker.

The sympathy of the Presbyterial is extended to Miss Frieda Matthews, our deaconess at Willowdale, in the great loss she has suffered in the death of her mother.

Edmonton P.S.—Mrs. Sykes, Presbyterial President, addressed the Easter meetings of Westmount, Strathcona and Rundle Auxiliaries, and surveyed the work of our W.M.S. in the Wanham district as it is reported by Miss Grigor. The suggestion that ''Patiently Bear Thy Cross'', in the March issue of the *Glad Tidings,* be used with the Scripture passages accompanying it was carried out at the Strathcona Easter meeting.

In the absence of Dr. Roxborough, Mrs. H. E. Walker, Mrs. Jas. Wilson, and Mrs. D. McLean took charge of the Sunday evening service at St. Andrew's Church and presented the work of the Society very clearly.

Calgary P.S.—At the Easter Thank-offering meeting in Grace Church, Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, opened her address with the Easter theme, ''The Glory of the Resurrection Morn'', which she said meant victory for all mankind. She then gave a comprehensive survey of the W.M.S. in the past, taking as her subject ''Building our To-morrows To-day''. Victory in the W.M.S. work, she said, could be ours by sacrifice and faithful service.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. J. Smith, Box 138, Armstrong, Press Secretary

WESTMINSTER P.S.—St. Stephen's, North Vancouver, and West Point Grey held Thank-offering meetings. To the former Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, Presbyterial President, brought a message of cheer and encouragement. In her address on ''Thanksgiving'' she gave many reasons why we should be thankful, and quoted the words of an elderly clergyman: ''A few days are set apart in the year for thanksgiving; these should be days for airing our complaints and all the rest for thanksgiving.'' The choir, the

Mission Band and the Y.P.S. contributed to the programme and a social hour was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

At West Point Grey Mrs. Stewart, of Fairview Auxiliary, gave a most interesting account of the work done among the Mistawasis Indians from the beginning of the Mission to the present time. The daughter of Mrs. Moore, the pioneer worker on this Reserve, Mrs. Stewart had her story at first hand, and carried her audience with her as she described the life and work of the Mistawasis Indian School.

Mrs. Chatwin, one of the earliest members of the Port Hammond W.M.S. Auxiliary, has suffered bereavement in the death of a beloved daughter, Miss Jennie Chatwin. A sufferer almost from infancy, she bore her suffering with a fortitude that was the admiration of all who knew her; none left her presence without being impressed with her fine Christian character and cheerful disposition. Her loss is mourned by the community, and the sympathy of the W.M.S. goes out to her mother.

Kootenay P.S.—In April the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church, Creston, met at the home of Mrs. S. A. Speers with the ladies of Trinity United Church as guests. Mrs. E. Dow, President, was in the chair. A very comprehensive paper on our mission work in India was read by Miss Fleetwood, and one on Current Events in India by Mrs. Speers. A social hour was spent at the close of the programme.

On April 15th the Ellen Dow Mission Band of Creston presented a very pleasing programme with a short play, ''Aunt Elizabeth's Missionary Tea'' and a pageant in three parts, illustrating different phases of our missionary work, besides recitations. Tea was served and a very pleasant afternoon spent.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—Mrs. James Herd, Financial Secretary of the Provincial Society, visited the Auxiliaries in Penticton, Armstrong and Kamloops in April. She was welcomed by every one, and all enjoyed hearing the missionary message she presented.

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BRANDON P.S.—Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Brandon Presbyterial Executive. In the meeting afterwards Miss Lamont gave very valuable suggestions for the year's work. Mrs. J. A. Gray, President, was in the chair.

Mrs. J. W. Allen presided at the meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. A. H. Foster brought the Easter Thank-offering message and Mrs. R. A. Hamlin and Mrs. J. Boyle took the devotional exercises. Musical numbers were given by Mrs. Milburn, Mrs. Hamlin and the Mission Band and a reading by Miss Mary Johnston.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary at Lizard Point has grown in enthusiasm, and it is very encouraging to see such a spirit of goodwill among the members. Thirteen Indian women have subscribed to the *Glad Tidings.*

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, held their Easter Thank-offering on April 21st. Mrs. E. C. Tatton presided and Rev. J. F. Wedderburn conducted the devotional service. Mrs. J. A. Gray gave an interesting, detailed report of the Provincial meeting in Winnipeg. Greetings from St. Andrew's Auxiliary were brought by Mrs. W. J. Allen. At the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

Superior P.S.—The work being carried on by Presbyterian missionaries in India, Formosa and Japan was described in detail by Mrs. J. D. Holman of Toronto, Young Women's Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), at a meeting of Superior Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. Although a faithful band of missionaries was carrying on admirably, Mrs. Holman stated, there were not yet enough to meet the needs of all the mission fields. The Women's Missionary Society had sent $2,000 to Manchuria to build a bungalow for their missionaries. In Korea the mission had educated fifteen native girls to go out and preach the Gospel among their own people in Japan. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Percival Cundy, who presided and conducted devotional exercises. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Ballantyne. Afterwards a social half-hour was enjoyed, members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary serving tea.

Winnipeg P.S.—Rev. W. Johnstone presided at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Calvin W.M.S. Auxiliary, Winnipeg. Mrs. Leckie read the Scripture lesson and Mrs. J. S. Hutchison gave a very interesting paper. The C.G.I.T. and Mission Band contributed the musical programme.

ONTARIO

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TWO changes in Provincial officers are announced as a result of Mrs. K. N. Cooper becoming President of Barrie Presbyterial. Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia, is Home Helpers Secretary, and Mrs. A. B. MacDonald, Ailsa Craig, Welcome and Welfare Secretary.

Supplies.—School and September is a combination that cries aloud for new shoes, stockings, knickers, shirts, dresses, and so on. The pupils in our Indian Residential Schools are no exception. Please, therefore, send your Indian outfits in time for the school opening.

The first in a series of celebrations of the Jubilee year of the W.M.S. in Orillia, Barrie P.S., was the 43rd anniversary of the founding of the Bright Sunbeam Mission Band. In an interesting, instructive pageant, ''Missionary Workers at Home and on the Mission Field'', children of the various lands were represented by Band members, each bringing a message in recitation or music. Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, Toronto, Candidates Secretary of the W.M.S. (W.D.), who as Miss Dennis had been one of the original Vice-Presidents, was the principal speaker. She mentioned that Orillia led in subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings.* Other members of that first executive present were Mrs. F. S. Smith, formerly Miss Dallas, who presented the Junior Memberships and seals to Irene Johnston, Agnes Caldwell, Louise MacDonald, Katherine MacInnis, Eleanor Johnston and Eileen McLean; and Mrs. M. H. Braden, formerly Miss Mamie Eaton, the Band's first Secretary. Greetings were received from Mrs. J. Grant Needham, the first President, who wrote from Athens, Greece, and from Mrs. R. H. Thompson, North Bay, formerly Miss Jessie Main, the first Treasurer. Only one member of that executive, Miss Walker (Mrs. A. McLean) first Vice-President, had died during the 43 years. Mrs. Braden read the minutes of the first annual meeting; the membership of 40 had increased to 93 by the end of the first year.

Elmvale Auxiliary presented a Life Membership to Mrs. R. Graham, one of the few surviving members present at the opening of their church in 1895. The gift was made possible by the generosity of the late Mrs. Vansickle.

Addressing the Grace Stone Y.W.A. of Westminster Church and that of St. Paul's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma P.S., at a supper meeting, Mrs. J. D. Holman, Y.W. Secretary of the W.M.S. (W.D.), gave the members a clearer insight into the work being done, inspiring them to press on to greater things. Thirty-five members were present.

To St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Owen Sound, and many members of neighbouring Auxiliaries, Mrs. R. Moynan, Hamilton, gave an interesting travelogue on China, illustrated by slides, depicting the work of Rev. J. Goforth, D.D. Walkerton reports an interesting meeting with a programme of articles from *Glad Tidings* and the Exchange. The C.G.I.T. group took charge of the March meeting, using slides to illustrate their topic. Miss McDougall of Kincardine, who spent some years in India, addressed Tiverton Auxiliary. Forty-five ladies were present. Port Elgin followed the Easter programme in *Glad Tidings.* A paper by Miss E. Miller, Paisley, was read. They are studying *They Went Forth.*

The Brockville P.S. annual meeting in First Church, Brockville, was well attended. Mrs. W. D. Turner presided. Reports of the work were encouraging. At afternoon and evening sessions Mrs. V. A. Smith, Toronto, gave inspirational addresses on mission work. Mrs. James Riddell in a memorial service paid tribute to departed members. Mrs. Smith conducted the election of officers, who were installed by Rev. W. Merrilees and Rev. D. MacOdrum, D.D. The Brockville Y.W.A. led the evening devotions.

A pageant, ''We Just Didn't Know'', written and directed by Mrs. W. D. Turner, was presented at the Easter meeting of St. Paul's, Winchester, At Winchester Springs Mrs. Turner spoke on ''A Timely Easter''; Mrs. Preston McIntosh, President, was presented with a Life Membership; she also received a pin worn by her mother, the late Mrs. Ellen Rae.

One hundred delegates attended the Orangeville P.S. annual meeting in Priceville. Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Brampton, gave an inspirational address, and made many helpful suggestions. Maple Valley Mission Band won the Banner for the second consecutive year. Miss I. Middaugh, Presbyterial President, was presented with an Honorary Membership and a pin, with an address of appreciation. Mrs. Marshall, of Durham, brought greetings from Saugeen P.S., and Rev. George Aitken from Presbytery. Lantern slides on ''The Land of the Rising Sun'' were enjoyed, and a pantomime, ''The Old Rugged Cross'', given by the Y.W.A. of Markdale, was the closing message.

Mrs. J. R. Hill, on behalf of Ottawa Presbyterial, presented Mrs. John Lowry, at her home in Westboro, with an Honorary Membership.

A beautiful day, a good attendance, and splendid reports contributed to the success of the annual meeting of Saugeen P.S. in Knox Church, Drayton. Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, of the Provincial Board, was the speaker. Rev. M. G. Court, of Holstein, represented Presbytery. The Moorefield and Drayton ladies provided luncheon. The young people's work in this Presbyterial is especially encouraging.

A large rally of Mission Bands from Hamilton, Ancaster and Burlington was held in St. Enoch's Church, Hamilton, Mrs. D. A. Wilson, Mission Band Secretary, in charge. Miss B. Armstrong, Presbyterial President, delighted the children with missionary stories. Mrs. R. Moynan gave an illustrated lecture on Manchuria, showing the work of the missionaries and describing the customs of the people. St. David's Junior choir gave several selections. At the close each child was given a chocolate Easter egg.

Sarnia P.S. annual meeting in Watford had the largest attendance in years. Mrs. C. H. McDougall presided. Reports were exceptionally good, and special mention was made of the work of the Y.W. department. Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto, was the speaker. Mrs. R. S. Burnham, on behalf of the Presbyterial, presented Mrs. W. Clark of Forest, Mission Band Secretary, with a Life Membership. A memorial service for members who had passed away during the year was conducted by Mrs. F. Gallie. Rev. F. McAvoy presided over the evening session when slides on our missionary work were shown.

The whole congregation joined with Thedford Auxiliary in the Easter meeting. The Mission Band gave a short play, each girl dressed in the costume of the country represented, telling how much the W.M.S. means to their people. Some represented new Canadians and told how much the kindness shown them on arrival influenced their lives. The senior girls took part in song. Rev. A. G. Scott gave an illustrated talk on the ''Beauties of the Rockies''.

The Gordon Macpherson Auxiliary, Chalmers Church, Toronto, celebrated its Golden Jubilee, with Miss Muir, who has been President for 11 years, in the chair. On the platform were Mrs. J. Stanners, the only surviving charter member, and two former Presidents, Mrs. A. H. Macpherson and Mrs. A. J. Irwin. Mrs. W. P. Gamble, daughter of a former President, led the devotions. The opening hymn, ''Jesus Shall Reign'', had been sung at the first meeting 50 years ago. Mrs. Presant, who in early days walked three miles to play the church organ, was the pianist. Rev. A. C. Stewart welcomed the former officers and members and other guests, and congratulated the Auxiliary on their fine record. Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D., Moderator, conveyed the greetings of the General Assembly. He paid high tribute to the part played by women throughout the history of the Christian Church and referred to the Women's Missionary Society as ''the brightest star in the crown of the Presbyterian Church.'' Greetings from the Council were brought by Mrs. W. A. McLennan, from the Provincial Board by Mrs. J. A. Hilts, from Toronto Presbyterial by Mrs. D. Hendry, and from Victoria Church Auxiliary by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll. A service of remembrance was conducted by Mrs. A. C. Stewart. She referred especially to the recent death of Mrs. W. A. Tate, the first Secretary, who was to have been made an Honorary Member at this meeting. An In Memoriam certificate was presented to her daughter. The two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Toombs of Barwani, India, delighted the audience by their song in Hindi. Mr. Toombs reminded the women that with the same vision as the pioneers had they would do as faithful work. The candle-lighting ceremony was performed by Dr. McKerroll for the Church and by representatives of the Gordon Macpherson and the John Wilkie Auxiliaries, the Mission Band and the C.G.I.T.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Secretary

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL held its annual meeting on May 19th in First Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. James McAra in the chair. Nokomis and Broadview Auxiliaries led the devotions morning and afternoon. Representatives were present from Moosomin, Broadview, Qu'-Appelle, Nokomis, Heward, Dunkeld, Eddy, Whitewood, Bulyea, Strasbourg, North Side and First Church, Regina. The delegate from Moosomin, Mrs. A. S. Smith, was Secretary of the first Home Missionary Presbyterial formed in the Western Division in 1903. Mrs. H. H. Smith, Presbyterial delegate to last year's summer school, gave a very clear and illuminating account of the programme. After the luncheon, served by the Regina Auxiliaries, Rev. C. Mackay Cameron brought greetings from Presbytery. Mrs. G. D. Ralston spoke on the place of missions in the promotion of world peace. Reports from the Secretaries were encouraging. It was a great pleasure and help to all to have Miss P. B. Lamont at the meeting, and to receive her most opportune and appropriate message. Mrs. J. A. Sinclair presided at the election of officers and expressed appreciation of the work accomplished by Mrs. McAra during her term of office, and presented her with a gift from the executive. Mrs. G. M. Bell was elected

President. Mrs. H. R. Horne and Miss Lamont had charge of the question box and discussion. The meeting brought great help and inspiration to all.

The Edna Bell Auxiliary of First Church had a very interesting Thank-offering meeting when Mrs. G. D. Ralston spoke on Kagawa. On May 2nd a delightful and profitable Sunshine Tea brought in over $20.

Saskatoon P.S.—The sudden death of Mrs. Brent of Coleville brought great sorrow to the Provincial. For years Mrs. Brent was President of the Coleville Auxiliary and also held office in the Saskatoon Presbyterial. She was widely known and loved. "Our W.M.S. experiences an irreparable loss, but we offer to God our thanksgiving for the gift of her life, consecrated as it was from its earliest years to His service."

Rev. W. G. Brown and Mrs. A. Rankin spoke at Parkview Easter Thank-offering, on the subjects "Seasonal Religion" and "The Need for Missions in This Chaotic World".

Prince Albert P.S.—At the 23rd annual meeting of the Presbyterial in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, May 15th, Auxiliaries were well represented. An air of enthusiasm pervaded the sessions, at which Mrs. R. G. MacKay presided. The devotional service was conducted by members of Meath Park and Tisdale Auxiliaries. Reports were encouraging, revealing gratifying results in the year's work. Miss P. B. Lamont based her most interesting and helpful address on the text, "With one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel". Mrs. G. K. Stewart presented a very complete report of the Provincial meeting in Regina. The delegates were entertained at luncheon and tea by the Prince Albert Auxiliary. Dr. K. H. Palmer brought greetings from Presbytery.

Another link with pioneer days in Prince Albert was broken with the passing of Mrs. Andrew Goodfellow in January. Coming to Prince Albert in 1880, just fourteen years after the arrival of the Nisbet party, Mrs. Goodfellow was there during the anxious days of the rebellion. She was actively interested in the work of our Church during each successive stage of progress and was one of the earliest members of St. Paul's. For many years a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society, she was actively interested in the James Nisbet Auxiliary since its organization. She was also active in welfare and temperance work.

Moose Jaw P.S.—The 22nd annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held May 20th in Knox Church. Mrs. H. A. Staveley, Weyburn, presided. Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, gave an address on the work being done throughout the Dominion and on the foreign fields. Rev. Mr. Rosscamp, Weyburn, Moderator of Presbytery, conducted the devotional service. Mrs. H. R. Langille, Moose Jaw, was elected President. An increase in membership and donations in the majority of Auxiliaries was shown by the reports of Presbyterial Secretaries, as well as encouraging work and growing enthusiasm. Suggestions were given for widening the scope of the work and advancing its missionary nature. Auxiliaries were requested to hold an executive or regular meeting early in December to receive reports, so that they could be sent on to the Presbyterial Secretaries. The Mission Band Banner, donated by St. Paul's Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, for the Band having the highest percentage of givings during the year, was won by Briercrest Band. The morning devotional exercises were led by Briercrest Auxiliary and the afternoon by Swift Current. Luncheon was served by the Auxiliaries of Knox and St. Paul's Churches. To Mrs. H. A. Staveley, Weyburn, retiring after being President for the past five years, a gift of china was presented on behalf of the gathering. Two-minute inspirational talks were given by Auxiliary Presidents: Mrs. D. M. Craig, Knox; Mrs. W. B. Way, St. Paul's; Mrs. H. A. Staveley, Weyburn; and Mrs. W. W. Stewart, Assiniboia.

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The Council Meeting

THE Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in Calvin Church, Toronto, May 26th to 29th, 1936. The President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, was in the chair at all sessions.

There had not been a full Council meeting since 1931, but it was felt that this year when serious decisions had to be made in regard to future work and organization there must be a full representation from all the Provinces. At the opening session, therefore, 104 delegates answered the roll call; from Quebec to British Columbia members had come together in Toronto to review the past year's work and to formulate plans for the future. As throughout the four days' sessions one listened to reports being given and discussed, to business being transacted, to plans being made so that the Women's Missionary Society might not fail in what it had undertaken to do, might, indeed, advance to new work, one was impressed with the fact that these women, devoted to the cause of missions, had studied the work with which they were concerned and given serious thought to the solution of the problems it presented and were able, therefore, to make a valuable contribution to the discussion of the work as a whole. Some women could give expert advice on certain aspects of the work, while others knew the needs of other parts, but local needs, however pressing, and details of their own branch of the work did not wholly engross their minds, did not blot out the vision of the work as a whole.

A short prayer service was held each morning in the quiet upper room, so that it was with hearts and minds prepared that the women went forth to deal with the business of the day.

In addition to the Council members were members of the Board of Trustees, and workers, visitors, speakers, all with messages bearing on aspects of the Society's work: Dr. Jessie MacBean and Mr. and Mrs. Toombs recently home from overseas fields, Dr. Effie Winchester, newly appointed for medical service in India; Miss Murray, Mrs. Fesenko, Miss Booth, and Mrs. Steinmetz, of Toronto; Miss Allan, of Hamilton; Miss Matthews, of Red Deer; Miss Ferguson, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home; Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly; Mr. Wilfred Butcher, of Knox College; Rev. Frank

Morley, Ph.D., of St. Catharines, and Mr. and Mrs. McCready, of Sydney, New South Wales, who were welcomed at the first session and invited to sit as corresponding members of the Council.

An honour was conferred upon the Women's Missionary Society in the coming of Dr. McKerroll, Moderator of the General Assembly, to conduct the devotional service at the opening session. He based his message on the 20th chapter of St. John, when the risen Lord spoke first to a woman, making her the first great missionary, as He sent her to break the good news of His resurrection to His disciples. Just as the devoted women who went to the tomb to anoint their Master's body, undeterred by the impossible task of rolling away the stone, found that God had been ahead of them and had rolled it away, so since then workers, face to face with an impossible situation, find that God has been ahead and has taken away the insuperable obstacle. As he had gone through Canada, Dr. McKerroll said, he was thankful for the women of the Church and the work they were doing, not afraid to undertake great, seemingly impossible tasks, bringing to the whole Church courage, hope and inspiration.

Mrs. J. A. Hilts, on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Board, Mrs. A. C. Stewart, for Toronto Presbyterial, and Rev. Mr. Wasson, for Calvin Church, cordially welcomed the delegates to Toronto and to Calvin Church. Mrs. C. Elliott, President of the W.M.S. (E.D.), had sent a message, with the prayer that they would be greatly blessed ''all the way'', mindful of the message of Ephesians 6: 10-17, especially of the importance of ''praying always.''

Miss Ferguson, whose position brings her into such intimate touch with the work of the Society, spoke of the opportunities of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home in the training of students for missionary and deaconess service, in extending its influence by receiving other University students into the Home, in caring for missionaries on furlough, and as far as possible welcoming any organization of the Church.

While the delegates came to Toronto intent on transacting the business of the Council, they had opportunities of social intercourse. On Tuesday evening they were all guests of the Toronto Presbyterial at supper in Calvin Church and on Wednesday afternoon guests of the Toronto members of the Council Executive at a tea in the beautiful grounds of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, followed by a drive around the city.

Just before the meeting closed on Friday evening Mrs. Horne voiced the feeling of all the delegates when she expressed deep appreciation of the patience and kindness with which Mrs. McLennan had presided over their conference, which she felt had been pervaded by unity of purpose and fellowship. All the other Provincial Presidents joined in this expression of appreciation and loyalty to the President and the other members of the Council Executive.

THE PUBLIC MEETING

THE story of the past, in the development of the Society as at present constituted, the need of India with its great opportunity for Christian workers, and a stirring challenge to youth to go forward to create a Christian civilization were brought to a large audience, including a great many young people, at the public meeting of the Council in Knox Church on Thursday evening, May 28th. The devotions were conducted by Rev. H. E. Abraham, D.D., Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and the offering was dedicated and the benediction pronounced by Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly.

It was fitting that Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll's story of the stages through which the present Women's Missionary Society developed should be told in Knox Church with all its memories of the beginnings of missionary movements in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. As to the people of Israel so to the Society at the present time, Mrs. McKerroll said, came the message: ''Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee.'' She traced the development of women's missionary work in our Church from its beginning in 1864 with the formation in Montreal of the Ladies' Auxiliary for French Mission Work, through the different organizations for home and foreign missions which sprang up in all parts of Canada after the union of the Churches in 1875 and which in 1914 amalgamated to form the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the reorganization in 1925 following the division of the Church, and the astonishing growth of the work at home and overseas during the last eleven years. It was the story of a great procession of loyal women, who in faith, with prayer and sacrifice, gave themselves to work for the extension of God's Kingdom at home and abroad. The hope for the future of the Society was in the young, Mrs. McKerroll concluded, as she appealed especially to the young women to prepare themselves for leadership, recognizing that changing conditions demanded new methods of work, a fresh approach to missions.

Mr. Earl Toombs, of Barwani, India, appealed for greater attention to Christ's command: ''Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'' To-day the great mass of people in India, he said, were hungering and thirsting after God. Their strange religious observances, their long pilgrimages, all showed longing for a sure faith which could be found only in Christianity. Customs which seem to us cruel and pagan may often be, Mr. Toombs said, but the rigid laws made to protect themselves by a people who know nothing of trust or love.

For those who had learned of Christ and found their souls' hunger satisfied in faith in Him no suffering, no persecution was great enough to keep them from preaching the Gospel. In their six years in Barwani Mr. and Mrs. Toombs had seen doors opened and many won for Christ. The native Christians, poor as they were, gave one-tenth to the Church. They had built and furnished a small church which was completed just before Mr. and Mrs. Toombs left Barwani.

Rev. Frank Morley, Ph.D., of Knox Church, St. Catharines, brought a stirring challenge, a four-fold challenge, to youth—and to those young in spirit, if not in years. The first was to create an environment in which the soul can find its highest development, in economic conditions of dignified living, with the great gifts of raw materials and the opportunity of work available to all, with the spirit of human brotherhood which is so close to the Gospel of Christ, with a Christian society in which all barriers of class are broken down, for all are one in Christ Jesus. Second came the challenge of international politics and of world peace. The League of Nations, Dr. Morley said, had not failed, but we had. It is for us to create a public opinion that would make the League impregnable. But there is a coward's peace, a peace that would remain unmoved when it should take Christ's scourge and drive out the evil. Peace can be bought at too great a price. Real peace can be achieved only through courage. The courage displayed in military leagues had been ineffectual, but what was needed was the moral spirit of the world asserting itself through the League of Nations. The third great challenge was for the creation of a Christian community, in which the power of Christ will have transformed the world, bringing peace to those in distress, and salvation to all. ''The arms of the Cross are still sufficiently strong for us to hang our destiny upon them.'' In the fourth place, the challenge was to fight against the debased Christianity which is the greatest enemy to be faced. This meant a call for courage, for constant discipline and constant sacrifice. Great demands are made, much evil is to be overcome, many adversaries are to be met in one's own life, in society, and in international life, but the great door was open to the man who was unafraid, ready to obey the order to advance in all directions, strong in the power of the living Christ, against which nothing can prevail.

WISE LEADERSHIP

The President's Closing Words

WE have come to the end of our four days of conference. We have heard and accepted the statements of last year. We have discussed plans for the future. We have adopted some new plans. And now as we part, each to her special work in the appointed place, a few thoughts as we look forward—and these thoughts are about leadership.

Each member of this Council is in a strategic place of leadership. To-day in Church and State, in community and home, greater things than we dream of, or realize, depend on *leaders* who have the true sense of real leadership. Along with all other organizations it is particularly true of the Women's Missionary Society.

Referring to our late beloved Sovereign, King George V, Lord Tweedsmuir said: ''Leadership does not consist only in a strong man imposing his will on a nation. The true task of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity but to *elicit* it, since the greatness is already there. The King *has led* his people for he has evoked what is best in them.'' And again: ''Only in the navy could King George have acquired so infallibly the habit of thinking more of practice than theory and regarding trouble as a blind natural force like the sea, to be circumvented by skill and patience, not violently attacked.''

Wise leadership then will *evoke the best in others.* How? By personal influence over others—not by what we say or do, but by what we are; by personal magnetism, the first element of which is a consuming sincerity and an overwhelming faith in the importance of the work we have to do.

Wise leadership will *cultivate discernment in seeing powers and capabilities in others.* How many are passed by because no one has discovered their ability and encouraged the service they could render?

Wise leadership will be *courageous and trustful, not easily cast down.* Have trust in Him who gave you your commission. Let me recall a scene in one of the Gospels. It was early morning and the discouraged fishermen were washing their nets before going home to rest. They had caught no fish. They were depressed. Just then a Man came along the shore with a great crowd following Him. He asked for the use of a boat, and when it was pushed out from shore and when he had taught the people, he turned to the boatman and said, ''Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught of fish.'' ''Master, we have toiled all night and have taken nothing,'' and the words trail off with the dismal sound of dripping rain. But one look— ''Nevertheless, at Thy word I will let down the net.''

Have you ever been cast down? Have you ever said, ''It is of no use. We have toiled all night and caught nothing''? Have you sometimes gone off on a venture of your own and come back with nothing because *He* was not along? If so, thank God for your discouragement and your failure. It was meant to fold you in the arms of Omnipotence. Wise leadership will be courageous because of trust in Him.

As we separate, and each one goes to her own home and her own work, there will come days that are full of difficulty. There will be nets with no fish. But there are promises that have never failed and never will. One I wish to speak of now, to be found in Isaiah 40: 31— ''They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.''

In the enthusiasm of a meeting, in the enthusiasm to reach an ideal, there is the promise— ''They shall mount up with wings as eagles''; and even in a great crisis under a great urge, ''They shall run and not be weary.'' But even greater proof of the help our God can give is found in the life-long tramp of earth's common surface, with no fresh dreams and no excitement of a new venture, but just the everyday toil of life, with its disappointments, its joys, its difficult places, with the promise, ''They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength (day by day); they *shall walk and not faint.''*

So the greatest requirement for wise leadership is the one we have left to the last— *''Wait I say on the Lord.''*

WAIT UPON THE LORD

Thou shalt not push the hands of God
    Thy will to do—but know
His plan for thee perhaps may be
    One which takes time to grow,
And patience, too—for sure and true,
God works His purpose through.

Thou shalt not push the hands of God,
    That they will do thy will;
But give thy heart and He'll impart
    His sunshine — dew — until
Its barren soil shall fruitful grow,
When thou His way dost know.

Reach up! and in the hands of God
    Place trustfully thine own,
And for thy needs He'll make indeed
    His will to guide thee known;
And give thee strength and vision, too,
That gracious will to do.

—Gertrude B. Walker.

FINANCES

The Treasurer's Statement

THE members of the Society, Mrs. Strachan said, had reason for thankfulness when they considered the financial report for 1935. It was because of the united efforts of the treasurers and the loyalty of Provincial Societies and Department Secretaries that the Society had had a successful year. Saskatchewan and Alberta deserved, she thought, special commendation for what they had achieved under very adverse circumstances. She reminded treasurers that they were administering trust money, which should not be spent on other things and should not be held back from one year to another. Had all the money in the different treasuries been paid in, there would not have been a deficit. Reference was made to the difficult, but necessary cutting of the estimates (to $151,000), to keep them more nearly in line with the amount of money being raised. If the work was not to retreat, however, there must be no further cut.

In reporting on the Trust Funds, Mrs. Strachan explained how the Special Account had been built up from which $550 was sent for the Weirdale Hospital and $50 for sports equipment in Birtle. For the Legacy Fund, built up from money left by women who had worked hard for the Society, without which the W.M.S. buildings overseas and many in Canada would be impossible, $5,227.00 had been received in 1935, a good deal of it given to supply electric light in the Children's Home in Amkhut, in memory of Miss Soutar. Money from legacies, Mrs. Strachan emphasized, should be sent on to the General Treasurer; it is trust money, ''a living thing given to us for the extension of Christ's Kingdom at home and abroad.''

Pensions

In presenting the Pensions report, Mrs. Strachan stated that the number of workers connected with the Pension Fund remained the same, three having withdrawn from it and three having been added. She reported a total of $20,899.51 in the Pension Fund of the Women's Missionary Society, $1,669.81 having been paid in rates last year. Of the plan suggested for building up a fund within the Society to take care of missionaries who may be forced to retire from service before reaching the age set by the Church Pension Board, Mrs. Strachan has written in this issue of the *Glad Tidings*.

Trustees' Report

Mrs. McKerroll reported the transfer of the deeds of the Wanham property to the Board of Trustees and the sale of the South Porcupine hospital to the municipality of Tisdale.

ORGANIZATIONS

Auxiliaries

REFERRING to her report, Mrs. Gordon called attention to the encouraging fact that 28 new Senior Auxiliaries had been organized in 1935. Unfortunately, however, the decrease in membership indicated a serious situation—only about one-fifth of the women of our Church are members of the Women's Missionary Society, according to the reports received. She made a plea for a strenuous membership campaign, urging all members to consider carefully whether we are going the right way about interesting the women of our congregations in what should be the most worth-while organization they could have.

A questionnaire had been sent out asking for suggestions as to how the Organization Department could help the Auxiliaries. From the replies it was evident that more visits from missionaries and Council Executive members would be appreciated. Much could be accomplished, too, by keeping in closer touch with the various groups through Provincial and Presbyterial organizations. Several Presbyterials sent out reports to all their Auxiliaries, while each of the three Vice-Presidents of Winnipeg Presbyterial was given a rural district to visit.

Home Helpers

Owing to Mrs. Logie's illness, her report was read by Miss Keith. Referring to the wonderful strength Home Helpers were to any Auxiliary, she urged the members to see that no woman was left uninvited to join the Society, either as an ordinary member or as a Home Helper. During the year 326 Home Helpers had become active members of Auxiliaries. Mite-boxes should be collected quarterly. An increase in contributions was reported, although the filling of the boxes, Mrs. Logie felt, often meant great sacrifice on the part of members. Mrs. Logie suggested that the thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the department be marked in some special way, such as doubling the membership or undertaking to support any part of the work approved by the Council. After discussion, it was agreed that all branches be asked to feature the Home Helpers Department in some way with a view to increasing the membership.

Young Women's Auxiliaries

''And the next generation has news of the Lord.'' Mrs. Holman appealed to the members to have faith in the young women of to-day, faith that God is speaking to them and that they are responding to His call, even if their response may differ from that of the older women. Since 1927, when a new policy had been adopted, the Young Women's work had developed steadily, showing a steady increase in the number of groups and members, the doubling of *Glad Tidings* subscriptions and this year again an increase in givings. Miss Pelton's lectures on the principles of missions and her leadership courses in the larger centres awakened not only a more lively interest in missions and a real desire for an intensive study of the fields on the part of the young women, but also a realization of their need of definite training in leadership. Studies had been prepared for these groups, and a great step forward taken in the organization in four cities of Young Women's Auxiliary Leaders' Fellowships which, it is felt, will solve the problem of leadership among the young women themselves and, as time goes on, in the whole Society. So many of the members of Young Women's Auxiliaries are engaged in work which prevents their attending day-time meetings that they were losing the inspiration and the information they might have gained from them, as well as the feeling of being an integral part of the Society. Through the Fellowships, it is found, there is being imparted to these eager, interested younger members a deeper knowledge of the work of the whole Society and a livelier sense of their own share in it.

Not all Presbyterials and Provincials, Mrs. Holman said, had the Young Women's Secretary attend their meetings, and no Young Women's Secretary had for some years been sent as a delegate to the Council meeting, facts that left her wondering whether the necessary information went back to the Young Women's groups. They are, she said, assuming serious responsibilities and should be encouraged by the older women, as they seek to carry out God's will in obedience to the vision they have caught.

In the following discussion, tribute was paid to the inspiring leadership given the young women by Mrs. Holman and Miss Pelton, and an appeal made for an intelligent, sympathetic understanding of the young women and their work—upon them the future of the Society depends.

Girls' Organizations

Greater interest was being shown by the older women in the girls' organizations, Mrs. Kelman reported. While much had been accomplished with the girls, there was more to be done. The 'teen-age groups should be the link between the Mission Bands and the Young Women's Auxiliaries; hence, the great seriousness of a decrease in the number of groups and members. What, she asked, became of the girls between the other two organizations? One great difficulty was the securing of competent leaders for girls' groups; assistance must be given by older members. In Mrs. Kelman's opinion, the best results would come if leaders were appointed by a joint committee of the Sunday School and the Women's Missionary Society. The suggestion was made that interest would be stimulated if the girls were made responsible for a definite part of the Society's work. The women were urged to encourage and assist the girls. Let us look to it, Mrs. Kelman concluded, that we are gathering in these girls who are the very life-blood of our Church and the future of our Society.

The awards in the Supply Contest were announced on Thursday evening and published in the July-August issue of the *Glad Tidings.*

Mission Bands

Every Presbyterian boy and girl should be a member of the Mission Band, declared Mrs. Riddell, as she emphasized the necessity of giving all children a missionary education. A survey should be made of the Presbyterial to see where Bands should be organized; wherever there is an Auxiliary there should be a Mission Band. Much could be done with closer co-operation between the Sunday School and the Mission Band; the Superintendent might be asked for the names of new pupils, and those and others not members of the Band should be called on by a W.M.S. representative.

To make children more familiar with mission work, as well as to afford a more varied programme to hold the attention of the older ones, an Honour Member Test had been planned. This having been approved by the great majority of those answering the questionnaire, the Secretary was empowered to proceed with this new work.

STUDENTS

THE work of Student Secretaries, Mrs. Calvin stated, was summed up in a sentence of her report— ''By invitation to student parties, to private houses and to various congregational gatherings Presbyterian students in most of the educational centres have been shown that their arrival was noted and that they are welcome.'' Although the students' first obligation is to study, they do appreciate sympathy and kindness. ''Let us hope,'' she said, ''that students will realize that missions are worth more than a passing thought because they have found W.M.S. women understanding and sympathetic.''

Her happy experience in working with young students and Secretaries made her more eager to know any of our students who are really interested in missions.

Attention was drawn to the fact that in her report the method of choosing Presbyterian women student delegates to the Indianapolis convention was fully explained, so that it might be on record for future use. The hope was expressed that reports of the Convention in the *Record* and the *Glad Tidings* had been read, and tribute was paid to Dr. Rochester's keen interest in the students as shown by his attending the Convention and entertaining the Presbyterian delegates.

The question of missionary education in the colleges was left to Mr. Wilfred Butcher. Introducing him to the Council, Mrs. Calvin said he was ''that rather rare combination—a signed volunteer, a Student Christian Movement Secretary, a theological student, and a Presbyterian.'' He was at both the Buffalo and Indianapolis Conventions, attended the World's Student Christian Federation meeting at Basle last summer, and was the Canadian representative among the five students invited to speak at the Foreign Missions Conference of North America in January.

Mr. Butcher

A new forward step, Mr. Butcher stated, was being taken in regard to students and missionary education. The history of modern missions, he declared, and the students of the world are closely connected. From the vision caught by young men and women in Great Britain and the United States in the '80's and '90's came the Student Volunteer Movement and an awakening of missionary interest and enthusiasm which persisted in the Churches in this country until the Great War. After the war there was much less response to the appeal of the S. V. M. which gradually became linked with the Student Christian Movement. The situation, Mr. Butcher said, was serious; missionary interest, support and leadership were still coming almost entirely from the pre-war generations. It was imperative that there should be a new approach to missions; the responsibility was on the shoulders of the post-war generations.

Of late there had been a new wave of interest within the Universities. The Student Christian Movement was asked to take the responsibility for missionary education in Canada. By bringing to the Universities missionary leaders, missionaries on furlough and those going out for the first time, a great deal has been done to stimulate missionary interest. During the last fifteen months, too, another rising tide of interest in the Church had been noticeable, a consideration of the Christian community and the Church, its nature and its function in the world, which at once brings one to missions.

A great advance was now being made in the appointment of a new Student Christian Movement Secretary for five years, a graduate in Theology, who was to be a close link between the students and the Church, able to interpret the Church to the students, and in personal contact with other Secretaries of the Student Christian Movement. This new departure would, it was hoped, mean really close touch between students and Church Boards, for whose co-operation and financial support they were appealing.

Missions will mean something in the future only if the young are reached now. What, Mr. Butcher asked, is the approach to missions? If we are going to believe in missions, we must believe that the only answer to the world's need is to be found in the Christian faith, and the Christian faith can be given meaning only through Christian communities. There must be a recognition of the Church as universal, larger than the denomination, than the nation. The younger Churches came into being because of the vision of those who have gone before—from them this year came to us Dr. Koo, Mrs. Pak, Dr. Kagawa; but they still need the support, the understanding, the sympathy of the Canadian Church. In closing, Mr. Butcher again appealed for interest and support for the new Secretary.

LANTERN SLIDES

STRESSING the importance of the Lantern Slide Department, Miss Lang said that it should be the eyes of the Society. It was especially useful when missionaries cannot be sent to all groups, still less can the members go to the fields to see for themselves. She announced the preparation of a new set on the Peace River District, and the department's intention to bring the old sets up to date by adding new pictures. The answers to the questionnaire had clearly shown that organizations do want pictures from the fields. She urged that those wishing to use the slides should order them early and give a second choice. Secretaries should make necessary corrections in the lecturettes when changes occurred in the staff, and those using the slides should supplement the lecturettes with up-to-date information from the *Glad Tidings* and the *Record.*

LIBRARY

MRS. CARTER asked that when sending magazines to frontier settlements the women should consider the needs of the people there; *Popular Mechanics,* farming journals, and others offering practical help to the settlers, were very gladly received. Literature could be sent free, by freight, *from October 30th to June 30th,* she reminded the members, *if sent by one Church organization to another Church organization.*

Miss Keith, the new Library Secretary, was introduced to the Council. During the last two months she had received thirty-one requests for help. Pictures were needed for children. Bibles, she said, had been sent to homes where the children had never seen one.

SUPPLIES

DISTANCES were kept in mind when allocations were made by the Supply Department, Mrs. McClure assured the members. The department would appreciate it if everything possible was done for the deaconess in the district in which she served. Those sending Christmas gifts were urged to send them *early.* The heaviest part of the Supply work was for the Indian Schools, and Auxiliaries were asked to send *complete* outfits.

Mrs. McClure showed some of the articles submitted in the Supply Contest of the Girls' Organizations, praising the fine work done in making good-looking, useful articles out of old material at little or no cost in money. In making the awards, the *usefulness* of the articles submitted was the deciding factor, she explained.

Mrs. Fletcher asked that Presbyterial Supply Secretaries get in touch with new organizations and get them started aright in the Supply work.

Saskatchewan had found it satisfactory to buy staples for Supply work wholesale at a central point, and the advisability of extending this practice to other Provinces was discussed. It was, however, considered impracticable to make such an arrangement for the whole Society.

PUBLICATIONS

IN presenting the Publications report, Mrs. Strachan referred to the change made by putting the financial business in connection with the *Glad Tidings* directly under the editor.

From the money which had accumulated from the profit on the sale of Life Membership pins it was recommended that $300 be transferred to the general fund for the Pension estimate and $100 to the Publications Department for free literature, leaving a balance of approximately $200.

In future the Literature Department, which showed a loss of $412.09, would carry only literature suitable for mission work. Two new books were, Mrs. Strachan reported, in course of preparation: *Incident and Story,* and a *Life of Miss Agnes Dickson.* From replies to the questionnaire it was evident that there was a widespread desire for more detailed studies of the mission fields and for biographical sketches of our missionaries, together with a broader study of missions.

THE GLAD TIDINGS

THE special effort asked for by the Enlarged Council Executive last year as a memorial to Miss Fraser had, Miss Mackintosh reported, resulted so far in an increase of 1,264 in the number of subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings,* making the total number of *paid* subscriptions, on May 27th, 19,536. This encouraging response to the appeal had been largely due to the untiring efforts of the *Glad Tidings* Secretaries to secure more subscribers. The hope was expressed, however, that Miss Fraser's objective of 25,000 would still be reached.

In the answers to the questionnaire, useful information had been received and suggestions which should make it possible to make the magazine more helpful and interesting to its readers.

CANDIDATES

LITTLE of the actual work of the year could be put into a report, said Mrs. Grant, as she referred to the number of young women with whom the Candidates Committee had come into contact, personally or through correspondence. She then clearly outlined the steps taken before an applicant for missionary service is recommended to the Council Executive for acceptance for training.

Mrs. Grant referred to Miss Helen Madill's appointment as our first pioneer nurse in the Peace River District. No appointment had been made to overseas service, but Miss Margaret MacKenzie had been accepted for training with a view to work in Jhansi. Since the report had been written Miss Margaret Kennedy, of Montreal, had been accepted for two years' training, and Dr. Effie Winchester, a graduate in medicine of the University of Toronto, had been appointed for a five and a half years' term of service in India, her application, Mrs. Grant remarked, seeming to come as an answer to a very urgent appeal for a doctor there.

While missionaries were needed in every overseas field, including doctors in Japan and Formosa, the urgent need was for two workers for Manchuria, an evangelist and a nurse evangelist. Now that suitable living accommodation was being provided, it was hoped that these appointments could soon be made.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

British Guiana

TO her report Mrs. Rice added some interesting information about the Girls' High School in New Amsterdam, of which Miss Olwen Davies is Principal. Last year the school was moved to the house formerly occupied by the missionary, a fine white two-storey building. There are 34 girls in attendance, East Indian, Chinese and Blacks. Two girls were, she reported, writing the Cambridge examinations for Senior certificates and six for Junior, while some were trying the examinations of the Royal Academy of Music, London. The school activities provide for the religious and physical training of the girls, as well as the intellectual. Miss Davies had started a library, which was formally opened by Lady Dawson. Books and magazines from Canada would be welcomed.

Mrs. Rice referred to the recent departure of Miss Anne Storey, to be a missionary evangelist in Georgetown under the W.M.S. (E.D.), and of Rev. James and Mrs. Dunn, as missionaries of our Church in New Amsterdam.

With new opportunities for service, fresh enthusiasm on the part of the people, who are assuming the responsibilities of leadership, and new workers, Mrs. Rice saw brighter days dawning for our Church's work in British Guiana. She spoke of the probable need for one or two evangelists with deaconess training, for a Principal of a Girls' High School in Georgetown, whenever the Government makes a large enough grant, and for a Residence in New Amsterdam for girls living far from school.

Koreans in Japan

Mrs. McGillivray paid tribute to the faithful work of the missionaries, two of whom are now in Canada on furlough, Miss Anderson and Miss Murphy. She traced the development of this our youngest mission since it was begun in 1927 by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Young and two workers. After nine years there are 70 places of worship, including 49 churches, 14 built and maintained by native Christians, 87 Sunday Schools, 7 kindergartens, 39 W.M.S. Auxiliaries and 56 Daily Vacation Bible Schools. So rapid is the growth that our missionaries cannot keep pace with the great demand for help and instruction in the Bible. The opportunity offered by the religious revival must not be lost, they feel, for lack of funds to secure more pastors. A valuable addition to the staff is Rev. Chi Syun Kim, a former worker in the mission who, since his graduation from an American Theological College, has returned to serve as a travelling evangelist. The 39 W.M.S. Auxiliaries now form one Presbyterial of which Miss MacLean is President, and two Biblewomen Vice-President and Secretary.

A grant of $500 has been sent to help establish a public health unit, and a native nurse will work among women and children. So far, however, a doctor has not been found to carry on medical work.

As Japan becomes great materially, Mrs. McGillivray concluded, may our Society do its share in helping to make her great spiritually, in so far as bringing Christ into the hearts of those 500,000 Koreans can help.

Manchuria and South China

Paying high tribute to the splendid work being done by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Reoch, Miss Reid declared, however, that no mission can advance in the work for women without missionaries who can give their full time to the work. She, too, therefore, appealed for two evangelists for Manchuria, one with nurse's training. Miss Hunter, accepted for evangelistic work last year, had had to withdraw. Money had already been sent out for the W.M.S. bungalow which, with two others for our Church Mission, was to be built in Szepingkai. Miss Reid expressed gratitude to Rev. Dr. MacKay for calling attention to the immediate need for suitable living quarters there, and also to Miss Luella Crockett, formerly under our Board, who is now doing very fine work in Peiping.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are enthusiastic regarding the College of Studies at Peiping, Miss Reid reported, considering the teaching methods excellent. They have been finding contacts with the new missionaries helpful and are grateful for a year of adjustment before plunging into the difficulties further north. Miss Reid announced the glad news of the birth in Peiping of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Anne.

The Society was glad to be able to double the grant given to the Christian Literature Society of Shanghai through Mrs. Donald MacGillivray. Mr. Zia was continuing to do very valuable work; besides editing two periodicals, *The Shining Light* and the *People's Magazine*, he published six books last year and translated part one of *Pilgrim's Progress.*

Although Mrs. Burkwall's work is amazing in its breadth, Miss Reid thought she was in no way rendering greater service than in continuing the Christian hospitality of her home. After a year in Canada and the United States following Dr. Burkwall's retirement next year, they hope to return to China to do voluntary work.

For the last thirty years the name of Dr. Jessie MacBean has been inseparably connected with all thoughts of our mission work in South China. In her report the Secretary had told of what Dr. MacBean's return to Canada has meant to her colleagues in Hackett College and Hospital, and their appreciation of her great contribution to the work of ''saving life and spreading the true light.'' Before Dr. MacBean herself told the Council of the great progress made by Western medicine in China, Miss Reid spoke of the Society's pride in all that she had accomplished there and assured her that the women would not cease to pray that she might have a greater measure of health and continued joy in further work for the Master she has so faithfully served.

Formosa

A note of thankfulness was struck by Mrs. Martin in speaking of her report on Formosa. Difficulties that had seemed great had disappeared or had been overcome. She referred to the Japanese Government's plans for rebuilding those districts where the earthquake had caused so much destruction. The missionaries had continued to show a fine spirit and devotion to their work, in spite of the added difficulty of studying a second Oriental language.

Very significant in the religious life of Formosa was the rapid expansion of evangelistic work and the great awakening that was taking place among the young people as a result of the Youth Movement in that country. A recent letter from Miss Burdick told of encouraging results from evangelistic meetings and a renewed interest in Bible study.

India

In bringing before the Council some matters relating to the work in India to supplement what had already been reported, Mrs. McMurrich referred to Dr. Winchester's appointment as an answer to prayer, following an appeal from Jobat to the Board of Missions for one or two doctors, on account of Dr. Draper's resignation and Dr. Howie's return to Canada. As the Jobat Hospital, where the new maternity ward had been opened, had been thus left without a doctor, both the W.M.S. and the Board of Missions were grateful for the offer of Dr. Winchester who had had special training in medical work for women. Mrs. McMurrich spoke, too, of the European wards to be maintained by the W.M.S. in Jobat Hospital for the use of missionaries when ill.

Two graduate students, with the wife of one of them, a graduate nurse.

Introduced to the Council by the Secretary, Dr. Effie Winchester expressed her gratitude to the Women's Missionary Society for the opportunity being given her for medical service in India. She expected to leave Montreal on September 25th for Bombay.

Referring to Miss McKechnie's engagement to Mr. Cheshire, Mrs. McMurrich said that a new worker would probably soon be needed in Jhansi. The hostel for girls will be able to take in more pupils. More and more are girls of higher caste coming to the school.

For the installing of electricity in Amkhut, begun as a memorial to Miss Soutar, more money was needed. It had been found advisable, when a plant was being installed, to have electricity in all the buildings, the Board of Missions contributing its share of the cost.

Help was needed, too, to begin some work in Barwani. The Society wished to make a grant for the medical work Mrs. Toombs had been carrying on, and a small separate building should be put up to be used as a dispensary. In introducing Mrs. Toombs, Mrs. McMurrich expressed the Society's great appreciation of the wonderful contribution she and Mr. Toombs had been making during their furlough by going about the country speaking of the work.

At first frightened and sceptical of her ability to help them, the people in Barwani, Mrs. Toombs said, had gradually come to understand that she could, and would, relieve their sufferings and help their babies. Caring for their physical needs, she found an opportunity to preach the Gospel. She expressed great appreciation of the grant the W.M.S. proposed to give for the dispensary, which would make it possible for them to help so many more people.

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Chinese in Canada

IN emphasizing some points in her report on the work among the Chinese in Canada, Mrs. Wood spoke of its value not only because of what it meant to these people themselves and to Canada, but also because ''every man or woman going back to China is a potential missionary''. Encouraging reports had come from all centres. In the sending out of Christian literature to families in outlying districts of British Columbia and Saskatchewan a valuable service was being rendered. The survey undertaken by Miss Macarthur in Saskatchewan, which had already been very helpful, would soon be completed. Tribute was paid to the fine work being done by Miss Dickson, who had been called ''the greatest authority in Canada on the Chinese.''

Three of the Toronto workers were introduced to the Council by Mrs. Wood. Miss Armstrong reported that each group had carried on well during the year. She expressed their gratitude for the assistance given and appealed for some one to teach music and for young women

Miss Agnes Dickson, Mrs. Herman, Miss Elsie Lee, the School in the background.

to help with the Mission Band. Miss Lily Yeung spoke of her work in the kindergarten and in the teaching of Chinese. Mrs. Adams, who is doing splendid voluntary work among Anglo-Chinese women in Toronto, told of inviting them to come to sewing and study classes, visiting them in their homes, inviting them to her home—in many ways, trying to make their lives happier and less lonely.

Welcome and Welfare

That non-Anglo Saxons should be given a fitting, dignified place in which to worship in Toronto was strongly urged by Mrs. Stevens, in speaking of the effort being made by our Church and our Society to carry on the work among new Canadians more effectively. ''How can we as a W.M.S.,'' she asked, ''help to speed the work of welcoming our neighbours from over the seas into the Christian Church here?''

Miss Munro was rendering good service as port worker in Montreal, but the closing of the Government hostel in March was making the work more difficult.

An inspiration to the great number whose lives she touches, Miss Murray has been hospital visitor in Toronto for twenty-two years. Tributes to her character and work from Social Service workers and a Superintendent of Nurses were read by Mrs. Stevens. To give the Council members a clearer idea of what she is doing, Miss Murray then told of one morning's work.

The Secretary spoke very highly, too, of three workers among the new Canadians in Toronto, Mrs. Steinmetz, Mrs. Fesenko, and Miss Booth, who were introduced to the Council. Mrs. Fesenko, working among the Ukrainians, stated that ninety-five per cent. of the people she visited were unemployed. If they were not to become Communists, they must be given the Gospel. Miss Booth said that her first year's work among the Ukrainians had been a wonderful experience; she referred especially to her class of 'teen-age girls, two of whom, she hoped, would go to camp. Mrs. Steinmetz told something of what was being done among the Hungarians, and of their strenuous efforts to raise money for their new church.

Deaconesses

The ten workers under her department, Mrs. Mitchell reported, were doing splendid work among old and young, in some cases working with groups where there was no other ministry. Mrs. Mackenzie continues her good work at Gonor. Mrs. Mitchell appealed to W.M.S. members living in districts where deaconesses are working to co-operate as closely as possible with them.

She read a letter from Miss Madill telling of her work as a nurse since she went to Brownvale to serve with Miss Todd. A nurse was needed, too, the Secretary stated, to work with Miss Grigor in the Wanham district. There were many calls for deaconesses, but the Society lacked the means to send more out.

Miss Frieda Matthews, of Red Deer, was introduced to the Council and spoke of some new aspects of the year's work among the young people in her district. They would gather together for two hours, the minister teaching the boys first-aid, while she taught the girls home-nursing; then a sing-song preceded the regular meeting. She urged the women to impress upon girls in their congregations who might be thinking of deaconess work the necessity of learning to do everything possible, as practical knowledge of any kind can be turned to account.

Miss Allan, of Hamilton, who in April completed her twenty-first year as a deaconess, thanked the members for all their kindness and their prayers, as well as for the opportunity to attend this her first Council meeting.

Hospitals and School Residences

The reports of these departments were presented by Mrs. Gordon, who had been acting Secretary for some months. She referred to Mrs. Poole's resignation and introduced Mrs. Carter, the new Secretary for Hospitals and School Residences.

Indian Residential Schools

Very fine work was being done by the staffs of the schools, Mrs. McKerroll reported, in training and caring for the young Indians. More workers were needed, however. Through the years one could see the good results of the work. Each year had seen an improvement in Sunday School work and more Church members. The Boy Scout Movement was helping the boys. She told of the offer of Joe Paul, a former pupil, to conduct Church services on the Birdtail Reserve until a missionary could be sent to them.

Again Mrs. McKerroll emphasized the need for a deaconess to follow the boys and girls leaving the schools to return to the Reserves, and for Alumni Associations to serve as a bond among the graduates and between them and the schools.

INTERNATIONAL, INTERDENOMINATIONAL

IN speaking of the International work Miss MacMurchy referred to the interesting reports that had come from Australia, where each state had its own Women's Missionary Association. Reports showed that all societies, in all countries, were united by the bond of prayer. Significant, therefore, was the widespread observance of the Day of Prayer, that most important of links in world mission work; in many places it was observed for the first time this year. An appeal was made for prayer for greater unity among Christians and a deeper understanding and a closer co-operation in all Christian work.

Miss MacMurchy called the Council's attention to the fact that next year the Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches would meet in Montreal and, at the same time, the International Union of Women's Missionary Societies would hold their eleventh Quadrennial Conference. The President reminded the members that Miss MacMurchy was President of the Women's International Union, an honour to Canadian women.

HISTORIAN

DURING the past two years, Miss Parsons reported, a special effort has been made to recall the beginnings and the growth of the W.M.S.; for the benefit of those who will follow, a record will be kept which can be easily consulted. If Auxiliaries celebrating anniversaries would notify the Presbyterial Secretary and she would keep a record and also notify the Provincial Secretary, the latter sending on the necessary information to the Council Historian, there would be division of labour and no burden of minutiæ for the Historian.

Miss Parsons referred to the many noble women of the older generation whose memory was honoured and whose influence was still great simply because they sought to do the work of their Lord and Master, and to that much large number of whom the world knows nothing, women ''who have mothered small Auxiliaries in out-of-the-way places, and who have changed their Auxiliaries into centres, Auxiliaries where missionaries have been, and will be, born.''

''Truly it is a great heritage into which the women of this generation have come.'' But they are carrying out the trust, and honour is due the women who at the present time are giving their time, gifts and personalities to the work of the W.M.S., realizing that ''it is part of the Divine adventure that God has made His servants workers together with Him in making known the good news.''

The historian has, too, to keep a record of our missionaries and their work, as well as of all books and pamphlets relating to the Society and its work which may serve as reference books. Miss Parsons expressed gratitude to those who had freely given of their talents in preparing books and leaflets, especially in recent years Miss Muriel Gray, Miss Hill, and Mrs. Ballantyne.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Estimates for 1937.—Agreed that our estimates for 1937 be kept at $151,000.00.

Home Helpers.—Next year being the 30th anniversary of the Home Helpers Department, it was agreed: That we ask our various branches to feature the Home Helpers Department in some special way with a view to increasing the membership.

Miss Hill.—Agreed: That a letter of appreciation be sent to Miss O. Mary Hill from the Council.

Honour Member Tests for Mission Bands.—As 60 per cent. of the answers to the questionnaire favoured the suggested Honour Member Tests for Mission Bands, it was agreed: That the Secretary be empowered to proceed with this work.

Greetings to Missionaries.—Agreed: That letters of greeting be sent from the Council meeting to the following: Mrs. Wilkie, Dr. Buchanan. Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, Miss McKee, Dr. O'Hara, Miss Bertha Robson, Mrs. Burkwall and Mrs. G. W. MacKay; that official greetings be sent from this Council meeting to all our Councils overseas and to our national workers.

Re **building up of fund for missionaries forced to retire before the age set by the Pension Board,** it was agreed: That we take the accumulated interest from the Formosa Forward Movement Fund; and the yearly interest on the Formosa Forward Movement Fund, the Special Account and the Legacy Fund; that we use the gold mite-boxes for this Pension Fund, suggesting at least one cent a week, to be collected quarterly, and to be over and above our allocation; that we do not set an objective, but leave it at a cent a week, beginning in September; that the selection of a name for this fund be left to the Council Executive.

Constitution, Annual Report (1934), page 206, article V (b), (c) *re* **Council representation,** Agreed: That article V (b) of the Constitution (of the Council) be amended to read: The President and one member from each Provincial Board, or their elected substitutes, and half the Presbyterial Presidents taken in rotation, or their elected substitutes; and that V (c) be deleted.

Change of Date of Meeting.—Notices of motion were given: That the Enlarged Council Executive consider next year the change of date of the Annual or Biennial meeting.

That the question of election of our Council Executive and its relation to the General Assembly be considered at the meeting of the Enlarged Council Executive in 1937.

That the Enlarged Council Executive meeting be an open meeting.

Change in By-laws *re* **holding of money.**—Agreed: That in all branches of the Society, whether Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' Groups or Mission Bands, Presbyterials or Provincials, the Treasurer of each of these branches shall hold all monies, including the General Fund, the Supply Fund and the Expense Fund. The Treasurer of each of these branches shall keep a separate account for each of these funds, all monies to be turned in at the end of the year in which they were given.

Re **Treasurer's Report Forms.**—Agreed: That this year no Treasurer's report forms be issued.

Re **Constitution** *re* **Life Membership Secretary.**—It was agreed:

(a) That from Section XVII of the Council and Council Executive By-laws (1934 Annual Report) the words ''including Life and Honorary Membership Certificates, In Memoriam Certificates and Life and Membership pins'' be deleted.

(b) That the present section XVII become section XVIII, and that a new section be added, with the heading ''Life Membership Secretary'', to read as follows: ''The Life Membership Secretary shall have charge of issuing to Provincial Life Membership Secretaries all Life Membership Certificates, In Memoriam Certificates, Junior Membership Certificates, seals and Junior Membership pins. She shall also have charge of all Honorary Membership Certificates, Honorary, Life and Auxiliary Membership pins. She shall conduct all correspondence connected with her department and receive reports from the Provincial Life Membership Secretaries.'' This new section shall be section XVII of the Council and Council Executive By-laws.

(c) That in section XXII of Provincial By-laws, ''Life Membership Secretary of the Council'' be substituted for ''Secretary of Publications.''

Student Committee. — The Special Student Committee presented recommendations as to giving of information about our work to the missionary secretary of the Student Christian Movement; co-operation of Student Secretaries, and financial assistance. Agreed that these be approved.

Next Year's Meeting.—Agreed: That the meeting next year be held in Toronto.

Notice of Motion.—Notice of Motion was given for any changes that may be necessary in the Constitution and by-laws during the ensuing year. The value of this notice being questioned, it was suggested that legal advice be sought.

A Hundred Years of Western Medicine in China

By Dr. Jessie MacBean

I SHOULD like very briefly to tell you something of what I have seen of the progress of Western Medicine in China during the past thirty years. Looking back over those thirty years it seems almost like a fairy tale. One is staggered by the rapid changes, the advance, the progress in the world, and Medicine has kept well in the vanguard of progress.

In Canton City, South China, in November, 1935, we celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the opening of the first hospital in China for the practice of Western Medicine. It was a great grief to me not to be in Canton for that wonderful gathering. We had worked hard for two years to secure all the authentic information possible to present by pageant and exhibits the history of those hundred years. The China Medical Association decided to help celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the advent of Western Medicine into the Celestial Kingdom by holding their semi-annual Conference in Canton.

The Conference sessions were held in the beautiful new hospital built on the site of the first hospital opened one hundred years ago. Dr. Peter Parker, a lone pioneer, opened the road for Western Medicine by opening the eyes of many of the blind and giving sight and healing to hundreds of people in Canton. In 1835, with two Chinese helpers, in a one-storey building and with practically no equipment, and against terrible odds, he began his courageous task of bringing healing and hope to the millions of China.

In 1935 Canton welcomed to her modern city hundreds of doctors, both Chinese and foreign, from all parts of the Empire. They represented the thousands of doctors, hundreds of hospitals, colleges east, west, north and south, schools of nursing, schools of public health, schools of midwifery, schools of research, schools of technology, etc., etc., that are the visible proof of the progress made during the one hundred years. The ''little leaven'' had been working, and while it has not leavened the whole lump, still against tremendous odds, it has made a mighty change in the medical outlook.

The greatest advance has been made during the past twenty-five years. Thirty years ago in South China there were only four medical colleges of good standing, a number of small colleges, and some so-called Schools of Midwifery, no organized schools of nursing, very few medical text-books in Chinese, few hospitals except those belonging to missions and but a very few Western-trained doctors.

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In the district, just 80 miles from Canton, where we began our medical work thirty years ago, there were only three Western-trained Chinese doctors and not one hospital,—*with a population of one and a half million people to be cared for.* We opened two dispensaries and went, as time permitted, out through the villages and into the homes of the people. Some of the most interesting experiences of my whole medical life occurred during that time. We studied all that we could of Chinese native medicine so that we might be sympathetic towards and understanding of their prejudices against Western Medicine. We had to learn to be patient in giving instructions as to the taking or applying of our medicines, and to be judicious in the use of medicine, striving to get good results from small doses. Daily we convinced ourselves more and more of the importance of mind over matter, seeking always "to have a heart at leisure from itself to soothe and sympathize."

In those early days there were no real roads in the country, (not too many yet, except near the large centres), no railways, the only way of travel being by foot, sedan chair, or the small boats. It took many hours to answer a call from distant villages, and alas! often to arrive just too late. The death rate among mothers and babes was appalling. Perhaps it was then that there was born in my heart the desire to some day give all my time and strength to that work. Certainly during fifteen years of general practice there was time for the desire to become a conviction that the most important contribution I could give to medical work was to further maternal welfare.

What is the picture of medical work in China to-day? I speak especially of South China. There are now many up-to-date, well-equipped hospitals, a goodly number of medical colleges, fine schools of nursing. In the city of Canton there is a well established Public Health work, a Health Nursing Association looking after pre- and post-natal clinics, Child Welfare clinics, Mothers' Clubs, school programmes, and two years ago an organized Birth Control clinic was started.

The study of Medicine is one of the most popular courses in the University and we find that the staffs of hospitals and medical colleges are mostly composed of Chinese men and women who have specialized and fitted themselves in China or abroad to be leaders in their own line of work. The Government is interested in medical progress—too much interested, for it wants to control all schools, deciding on the curricula, text-books, examinations, etc. More important, it wants to control graduates, also, by setting a scale of fees for hospitals and private practitioners. This is all a very up-to-date attitude on its part, indeed a little ahead of the times. China is hardly ready for State-controlled medicine. But she need not be ashamed of the place she holds in the modern medical world of to-day.

Someone has said, "There is romance in every walk of life." Yes, surely it is to be found in Medicine. What a thrill one gets when one thinks of the wonderful discoveries along medical lines in the past decade,—new medicines, strange serums, vaccines and what not; marvellous surgery, scientific preventive medicine cutting down the death rate, research work getting at the innermost secrets of nature! One asks what more is there to discover? Inspired by the enthusiasm, the courage, the loyalty of our leaders in Medicine who have set such a high standard, may we not be content with anything less than the giving of our very best in the search for Truth.

'Tis not enough to help the feeble up,
But to support him after.

—*Shakespeare.*

Editorial

Miss Chisholm's Resignation

IT was with sincere regret that the Council Executive on June 29th accepted Miss Ethel M. Chisholm's resignation as a nurse in the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa. Because of the death of her sister and the illness of her mother, she had been granted a six-months' extension of furlough, but on account of her own ill-health she had had to resign. In her five and a half years in Formosa, latterly as Superintendent of Nurses in the hospital, Miss Chisholm's excellent work was due not only to her nursing ability but to the sympathy, the Christian character, the strong missionary spirit which made her influence very fine among the nurses and the other missionaries as well as with the patients, even after they left the hospital. We trust that she may soon be restored to health.

A New Secretary of Publications

AT its meeting on June 29th the Council Executive appointed Miss Margaret Ness Secretary of Publications, her duties to begin in September. Miss Ness has an M.A. degree from the University of Toronto and has been teaching in the Collingwood Collegiate Institute. We wish her every success in her new work.

Incident and Story

THE new *Incident and Story* is now ready and copies may be procured from the W.M.S. Publications Department. See advertisement for prices.

Thank You!

IN the last issue of the *Glad Tidings* we made an appeal for some copies of the magazine to complete our files. The response has been so generous that we now have all we need. It is evident that many readers do keep their magazines from year to year, and that when the need arises are willing to give them. We sincerely thank all those who sent the numbers asked for as well as those who offered to send them if they were still needed.

For Mercy, Courage, Kindness, Mirth,
There is no measure upon earth
Nay, they wither, root and stem,
If an end be set to them.
Overbrim and overflow,
If your own heart you would know,
For the spirit born to bless
Lives but in its own excess.

—*Lawrence Binyon.*

Prayer

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, to whom should we come but to Thee, for Thou hast the words of eternal life. Thou art the Fountain of all light and truth, the Source of all inspiration and power; in Thee we live, move, and have our being; we are dependent upon Thee in all things. Without Thee we can do nothing, but with Thee all things are possible.

We thank Thee for all we have known and experienced of Thy love and of Thy power in our own lives and also for what we have seen of Thy redeeming grace at work in the world around us. We are conscious, our Father, that we have not known as much of Thy saving grace in the past as we might, because we have limited Thee by our disobedience and lack of faith. Lord, increase our faith in Thee and in Thy power to save us from all sin, and make our lives a blessing wherever we go. Teach us to yield ourselves wholly to Thee and by faith to abide in Christ day by day, that we may bring forth fruit to Thine honour and glory.

We thank Thee, Father, for those who are at work in the world seeking to obey Thy command—to carry the Gospel to every creature. Bless all Thy workers and in times of discouragement and trial, may each one be enabled to remember Christ's promise, ''Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end.'' When the way seems difficult and opposition strong, bring to our hearts and minds Thy great truth that greater is He that is for us than all that can possibly be against us.

We would lift our hearts to Thee in prayer especially for all the branches of our own Women's Missionary Society and for all our workers, as we begin another term of service for Thee. O Father, give inspiration, courage and faith to each one, and guide us in all we undertake. We thank Thee for all our Society has accomplished for Thee in the past; help us all to have only one aim—to know and do the will of our Lord and Master, that His name may be glorified and His kingdom hastened. In Jesus' name we ask it all. Amen.

Let Us Also Pray:

For our missionaries on furlough, that to them may be granted renewed strength of body, mind and spirit; and for those who have retired, giving thanks for their years of service and praying that they may feel they can still serve the lands they love through the service of intercession.

Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries

ONCE more the Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) is asking its members to make a special effort. The last time the request was to help our Church reduce its deficit, and the response enabled the Society to give $25,000 towards that object. This time the request is for the strengthening of one of our own funds, known till now as the Pension Fund. The Society is connected with the Pension Fund of the Church, but for some time it has been increasingly apparent that this fund by no means meets all the needs of the missionaries on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society. To gain the benefit of the full amount of pension, a missionary must have served on the field till the age of seventy. Those retiring before that age receive a very greatly reduced amount which requires to be supplemented by the Society. How many women can serve on an overseas field until the age of seventy? Already there are two who have been obliged to retire and, although they have served twenty-one and thirty years respectively, they come far short of seventy years of age and the pensions received by them from the Church fund have to be supplemented from our own Pension Fund. The fund at our disposal for this purpose is not sufficient. Something had to be done, some way had to be found of supplementing it.

At the Council Meeting, May 26th to May 29th, a plan was submitted for doing this. The Council unanimously and heartily agreed to it, for the welfare of our missionaries is very dear to the hearts of our women. The plan was as follows:

1. That the accrued interest on the Formosa Forward Movement Fund, amounting to $3,384.00, be transferred to the Women's Missionary Society Pension Fund and that hereafter the yearly interest on this Fund, the yearly interest on the Legacy Fund and on the Special Account be placed to the credit of the Pension Fund.
2. That the Gold Mite-boxes be brought into use again, and that beginning September 1st, 1936, the Auxiliaries and the Young Women's Auxiliaries be asked to contribute at least a cent a week to build up this fund. This money is to be *over and above the allocation.*

In order to avoid confusion with the Pension Fund of the Church, the name of the fund in the Women's Missionary Society is now to be known as the Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries.

How badly such a fund is needed is known best to those who are administering the finances of the Society, but this appeal is made with full assurance that the members of the Women's Missionary Society will respond most heartily. And this appeal need not be confined to members of the Society, but should be extended to all the women of our Church, for many who may not be connected with the Society have shown many times their great interest in the missionaries. To them an appeal is made to help this worthy cause. Their contributions, large and small, may be given locally, or sent to the General Treasurer, if preferred. Already several substantial cheques have come in this way.

Detailed information regarding this special appeal will go down in due time from the Provincials and from Presbyterials to Auxiliaries and Young Women's Auxiliaries. This article is intended only to set out the plan officially in the *Glad Tidings*.

As Treasurer of the Society, knowing the need, may I bespeak for the Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries the interest and generous support of all our women? Let every one consider well the conditions under which our women missionaries retire for health reasons after serving overseas at our request for twenty, twenty-five and thirty years, at a minimum salary of $650.00 and a maximum of $1,000, and ask herself if the very least we can do is not to make some more adequate provision for their retirement.

(Mrs. Daniel) Helen M. Strachan,
Treasurer.

The Supply Department

Mrs. W. H. Fletcher and Mrs. J. A. McClure

THE attention of all Supply Secretaries is directed to the resolution passed by the Council, namely, "That the Treasurer in each branch, whether Auxiliary, Young Women's Auxiliary, Girls' Group or Mission Band, Presbyterials or Provincials, shall hold all monies including the general fund, supply fund, and expense fund; and that a separate account for each of these funds shall be kept."

In what way does the adoption of this resolution affect the work of the Supply Department in Auxiliaries and Presbyterials?

1. In Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' Groups and Mission Bands the only change involved is that all money received by the Supply Secretary shall be passed on to the Treasurer, who will keep it in a separate account available as the Supply Secretary requires it. The duties of the Supply Secretary remain the same; she still assumes all responsibility for establishing her supply fund; the different methods now in use by the Auxiliaries for providing the supply allocations are not affected by the resolution. It will remain with each Auxiliary to work out the details; for instance, one Auxiliary may prefer to provide the Supply Secretary with a suitable amount of money to begin her purchases, while another Auxiliary may prefer to have the Treasurer pay bills as purchases are made.

Note.—Would it be a help to Auxiliaries if allocations were ready in order that the supply year may begin in September?

2. Presbyterials. The only change involved is that the Presbyterial supply fund is held by the Presbyterial Treasurer in a separate account

available as required by the Supply Secretary; otherwise, the work of the department remains the same.

We realize there is a difficulty in paying freight bills, where the Supply Secretary and the Treasurer live in different towns. It would seem to necessitate the Supply Secretary having funds on hand during the shipping season, as freight bills must be paid promptly.

The Presbyterial Supply Secretary would advise the Presbyterial Treasurer of the amount of money to be sent from the supply fund to Indian Schools for boots.

The work of the Provincial Supply Department is not affected at all by this resolution.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Dear Leaders and Girls:

NOW that the holiday season is over we are feeling ready and anxious to start back to work. It is fun to meet the girls in the groups again and exchange notes on how we have spent our summer. No doubt most of us are looking forward eagerly to the re-opening of our groups. It is a good time to think about what we are trying to do and what we are trying to be,—a time to rededicate ourselves in the service of the Master.

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Opening Music.

Hymn 563: ''Lord, in the fullness of my might.''

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 40-52.

Prayer by leader with especial emphasis upon the development of the personal lives of the girls, mentally, physically, religiously, socially, as Jesus advanced as pictured in the last verse of the Scripture reading.

Leader: To the development of richer and stronger inner lives for us all,

Girls: We dedicate ourselves, O Lord.

Leader: To those habits of health and exercise that build strong bodies fit to be temples of Thy Holy Spirit,

Girls: We dedicate ourselves, O Lord.

Leader: To the sacred tasks of mental enrichment that through books and study and honest thinking make our minds alert,

Girls: We dedicate ourselves, O Lord.

Leader: To the joys of social fellowship that make us indeed members one of another,

Girls: We dedicate ourselves, O Lord.

Leader: To the happy privilege of learning Thy will and of helping to achieve it in the world,

Girls: We dedicate ourselves, O Lord.

Hymn (Use Tune Beecher 562 in *Book of Praise.*)

Take us on the Quest of Beauty,
Poet Seer of Galilee,
Making all our dreams creative
Through their fellowship with Thee.

Take us on the Quest of Knowledge,
Clearest Thinker man has known,
Make our minds sincere and patient,
Satisfied by Truth alone.

Take us on the Quest for Service,
Kingly Servant of man's need,
Let us work with Thee for others
Anywhere Thy purpose leads.

All along the Quest's far pathways,
Christ our Leader and our Guide,
Make us conscious of Thy presence
Walking always at our side.

Miss Violet Tennant

We are pleased to introduce to you our new Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Violet Tennant, B.A., of Owen Sound, Ontario. Miss Tennant is a graduate of Victoria College, University of Toronto. She has been actively interested in Girls' Work in Ontario and comes to us highly recommended. We welcome her to her new office and hope she will be happy in her work.

—*Jean Kelman.*

YOUNG WOMEN

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF US

"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"—Micah 6:8.

AS young women, whose membership in our Society commits us definitely to God's plan of evangelism as revealed in and by His Son, suppose we were to make these words our daily morning utterance until they became a governing power within the smallest and largest thoughts and acts of our daily living; could you conceive of definite ways in which our missionary effort would be affected?

"To do justly"—If we were to relate this injunction to Christ's command, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth", and allow the injunction thus related governing power, would we not be delivered forever from any tendency to condescension in the exercise of our privileges as members of the Women's Missionary Society? To realize that our witnessing is not an act of virtue, but the honourable discharge of a trust is to ensure a sense of responsibility essential to effective missionary service. Let us think it out, and *try* it.

''To love mercy''—''The quality of mercy is not strained''. If the quality of mercy becomes an outstanding characteristic of our relationships with one another we shall know in truth a fellowship of understanding and sympathy, and in the absence of strain we shall realize a new power.

''To walk humbly with thy God''—Genuine humility is the secret of power. Genuine humility is to walk humbly with God, and without God real humility is impossible. Without God people may fancy themselves humble, but one dares to state that an honest examination will expose the condition as inferiority, between which and humility lies a world of difference. Humility sharpens the vertical line of life, which we suggest as representative of our relationship to God. To live constantly in the consciousness of this exhortation, ''Walk humbly with thy God'', is to gradually recognize God as the beginning, centre, and end of life. It is to trace our victories and successes to their legitimate source—God—and, having traced them there, to remove the ever-present temptation of ego satisfaction. It is to see in our failures and defeats a lapse from humility which prevented our availing ourselves of God's help. Reluctantly we confess to a temporary conceit which set us out ''on our own'', confident in the directing of our own ego; or, if we did not sin thus, a revelation comes to us that in what we have viewed as failure or defeat ultimately God will write *His* victory.

To begin each day as a *new* day in which we determine to walk humbly with our God is to be increasingly governed by the spirit of God; and, governed thus, we become truly humble. Genuine humility, springing from the fountain source of God's Omnipotence, Omniscience, and Omnipresence, and flowing out into the relationships of our life and into all that we do as members of our Society, would make of us disciples whose power could challenge the forces of evil and the madness of egoism.

The very simplicity of what God requires of us is perhaps what makes it so terribly difficult—''to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.'' No self-respecting person ever refused to attempt something because it was difficult. What do you think of making these words a five-minute morning meditation during the next eight months? Then let us look for extraordinary things to happen in the work of our Society.

—L.K.P.

We hope to have two study charts on India ready by the end of September. The charts will not be a junior and senior study, but rather two different approaches to that great mysterious land within our Empire. Number One will be arranged for six meetings with subjects, suggestions, and reference material. Number Two will be set out in six themes with reference material, but the details of working the themes into meetings are left to the initiative of the particular group. A further word about the studies will appear in the October issue of the *Glad Tidings.*

MISSION BANDS

JOHN AND MARY IN JHANSI, INDIA

PART III.

By Miss Ethel M. McCutcheon

THE following day John and Mary visited the Helen Macdonald School. This school used to be only for girls, but now small boys are admitted also. Miss Stringer, the Principal, took them first to the girls' dormitory. The sun-baked mud floor was very clean, for the girls had swept it before going to classes. Mary was surprised to see no beds, but Miss Stringer explained that girls in India sleep on the floor rolled up in blankets.

Next they visited a class-room where a native teacher was teaching the girls to read, write and do arithmetic. In another room girls were learning to sew. The embroidery work was very beautiful. Miss Stringer said the girls sold the articles and received the money for it themselves, in that way learning to be independent. They also did a good deal of sewing for the other children in the Mission. In another room boys were doing manual training work, making many useful things to be used in their homes.

The kitchen was the next place the visitors saw. Here rice was cooking in a large kettle over the fire in a fireplace, for rice is eaten at almost every meal. In one corner two girls were grinding wheat with a small hand mill. This whole wheat flour would be made into little crisp wafers, called "chupatees". Other girls were preparing fresh fruit and vegetables that had come from the mission farm. Then the girls' laundry had to be seen, and where do you think it was? Right outside at the well! The well had stone sides and a stone and cement top with a small opening through which water was brought up by means of a pail and rope. On the flat top three or four girls knelt, rubbing soap on the clothes and rubbing the clothes on the cement. One girl poured water on the clothes from a bowl.

As John looked back towards the school he saw a group of small children sitting on the ground making marks in the sand. Miss Stringer told them that was how many of the children did their school work, as exercise-books and slates are scarce.

Miss Stringer then took them to the large hall where the pupils had gathered for their Bible lesson and to sing hymns and pray. Here they heard how those dear children in India were learning about Christ, the Friend and Saviour of all little children, and giving their hearts to Him.

Mary whispered to John, ''When they go home they will tell others about Him, and they will learn, too.'' ''And to think,'' said John, ''our Mission Band at home is helping in this work!''

On Sunday morning all the Christians, missionaries and natives, assembled for service in this hall. Grace-bai was there with some of her children, the girls and boys of the school, the native helpers at the compound, the men and their wives from the farm, and many from the villages around. Some had walked eight or nine miles! How eager they were to hear God's message and sing His praises! The service lasted for about three hours and still those new Christians did not want to leave.

After lunch there were Sunday School classes for all, men, women and children. Mary and John felt very much at home, hearing the same story they would have heard in their own class in Canada. There was an evening service, too, but they went to bed early, as they were leaving the next day to visit another interesting mission field of our Church.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

IT is encouraging to note that the financial standing of most of the Presbyterials at the end of the winter term is somewhat in advance of last year, and a feeling of thanksgiving is generally expressed.

Calgary P.S.—At the May meeting of the Calgary Presbyterial Executive Miss C. Muldoon gave an interesting paper on ''Formosa Up-to-date''. Encouraging reports were presented by the various Secretaries; a Young Women's Auxiliary had been organized at High River and an Associate Society in the Pleasant Heights Church, Calgary.

An interesting programme was presented by Group 1 at the May meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary. Mrs. A. Wylie gave a well-prepared, instructive paper on our work in the Jhansi field and rural life in India. Mrs. A. R. Murray, second Vice-President, presided at the June meeting. Group 2 provided the programme. An instructive Exchange paper read by Mrs. C. E. Lasher on ''Why I Should Support Missions'' set forth clearly the great need for missions and our individual responsibility towards them. Mrs. McArthur, Supply Secretary, had on display a fine collection of gifts and clothing to be sent north to the hospital and children's home. Among the many novel and useful gifts were gaily-dressed dolls from the Helen Miller Mission Band.

Edmonton P.S.—During May, Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, was an honoured guest of the Edmonton Presbyterial. While in the city, she addressed the Presbyterial Executive at a special meeting in

First Church, and on May 1st, a gathering of young people at which Rev. H. J. McKeel of First Church and Rev. J. R. Burton of Strathcona Church were guests. On May 2nd at a Mission Band Rally of over 100 boys and girls in First Church Miss Lamont held the children's undivided attention while she described the Indian School Homes. Under the leadership of Mrs. C. Oscroft, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, the children provided an interesting programme. Miss Lamont also conducted a Church service in Westmount Church, a Mission Band Leaders' conference, and an Auxiliary Executive conference in First Church, and a combined Auxiliary meeting in Rupert Street Church. At each of these meetings she encouraged her audiences by her steadfast faith in the conquest of the world for Jesus Christ. Miss Lamont later visited Vegreville, Ranfurly, Vermilion and Lloydminster.

In the passing of Mrs. W. T. Tait, our W.M.S. has lost a valued member and Westmount Church, Edmonton, a very much needed helper.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA P.S.—Victoria Presbyterial Executive met in St. Paul's Church, Victoria, on June 26th, at 8 p.m. The change to an evening meeting to enable the young women on the executive to attend was very successful, as a large number of the young women were there. The Y.W.A. of Gorge Church took charge of the devotional period very ably, Miss M. Boyd giving the beautiful opening prayer. Reports from all departments were heard and discussed, and the meeting was closed with prayer led by Mrs. McKinnon, Presbyterial President. St. Paul's Auxiliary served refreshments and a short social hour was enjoyed.

Westminster P.S.—Miss Laura Pelton, on her last trip west, was the inspiration for the organizing of several Young Women's Auxiliaries. Recently two of these, Fairview and St. Columba, celebrated their first birthday, with traditional birthday parties, cake, candles and fun, following a serious talk on their object and aims and a review of a blessed and happy year's work. The homes of Rev. Walter Ellis and Rev. D. A. Fowlie were the setting for these gatherings.

Our Society has suffered a distinct loss in the passing of Sophia Marshall White, wife of Mr. Harry White, of Vancouver. From her girlhood, spent in the Georgian Bay district of Ontario, she was always a worker in the Presbyterian Church, with a keen interest in missions which she has passed on to her family. Miss Sybil White, her daughter, is one of the Provincial officers. Before coming to Vancouver Mrs. White was a much loved and valued member of the Presbyterian Church, Cranbrook, B.C.

We are always seeking ways and means of making our meetings more interesting. Fairview Church Auxiliary, Vancouver, has found that by selecting leaders for each meeting at the beginning of the year, practically every member takes part, for these leaders have helpers, no two from the same group. Some may do no more than supply flowers, but have no less a part. The subject is taken from the study book, but may be worked out in any way the group considers best. This gives scope for originality and variety.

From Chilliwack comes a report of a real live organization. Continued interest is maintained by occasionally having a social hour after the regular meeting, to which each member brings a friend who may not be conversant with the aims and work of the Auxiliary. This social fellowship strengthens the ties of the individual members of the congregation and gives a vision of greater things. May 19th was a gala day when Miss Acheson, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, and Mrs. Angus McKenzie visited the Chilliwack Mission Band. It was a special ''Mother's Day'', mothers being entertained by the visiting guests and members of the Band. Altogether it proved a very happy and profitable ''get-together'' for old and young.

Westminster Presbyterial held their annual tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, West Point Grey. Perfect weather, an ideal setting, and a large number of like-minded women made it a very successful and happy occasion.

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MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG STREET, WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

TO celebrate the Jubilee year of Brandon Presbyterial an all-day session was held on June 11th in First Presbyterian Church, in commemoration of fifty years of active interest in missionary work. About 110 delegates registered.

The morning session opened with devotions led by Rev. J. F. Wedderburn and a service of Thanksgiving and Peace by Mrs. W. Patterson, Glenboro, and Mrs. J. Charles, Melita. Reports were given, followed by discussion led by Miss Lamont, Field Secretary. Hartney Auxiliary conducted the closing exercises.

The opening devotions at the afternoon session were in charge of the Neepawa Auxiliary. High tribute to the life and work of the late Mrs. Donald McEwen was paid by Mrs. A. Shewan, who spoke on ''These Fifty Years''. This was followed by a historical sketch of the half century in missionary work by Mrs. G. E. Lougheed. Flowers were presented to Mrs. James Hillis, the only living charter member, by little Barbara Cromarty, granddaughter of the late Mrs. J. A. McDonald, a past President. Miss Kate Duncan reported the work of the Mission Bands, and Mrs. White of Elphinstone gave a most interesting talk on Mission Band work. Musical numbers and readings were given by the children of St. Andrew's and First Churches.

The Young Women's Auxiliary led in a sing-song at the beginning of the evening session and the Neepawa young people led the devotions. Mrs. Digby Wheeler, of Winnipeg, Provincial Student Secretary, gave a splendid talk on ''Enthusiasm'', and Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, spoke on ''Building our To-morrows''. The closing words were given by Mrs. Yuill of Melita. Mrs. J. A. Gray presided at all sessions. During the supper hour, Mrs. E. C. Tatton welcomed the guests, and Miss K. Crump replied. Rev. Mr. Floyd of Melita brought greetings.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 166 HAMMERSMITH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

WITH holidays over, Auxiliaries arranging their fall work are reminded of the helpful literature at moderate cost and the many papers to be had free from their Literature and Exchange Secretaries, also helps for Young Women, Girls' Organizations, and Mission Bands.

This is the time for grandparents, aunts and even uncles, as well as Senior and Y.W. Auxiliaries, to plan for gifts of Junior memberships and seals to the wee lads and lassies, whether Mission Band members now or not; then, too, the gift of a Life Membership to one who has served faithfully and long, or an In Memoriam to a bereaved one. Many not active in W.M.S. work would gladly support these objects. Let each Presbyterial have at least one Honorary Membership this year.

Mrs. A. E. Toombs, of Barwani, India, addressing the annual meeting of Bruce and Owen Sound P.S. in Paisley, told of the depressing conditions found in India. Mrs. J. L. McKenzie brought the highlights of the Provincial meeting. Departmental reports were good, especially those of the junior organizations. Rev. Mr. Kerr, Chesley, represented Presbytery and Rev. K. C. McLennan, Port Elgin, installed the officers.

The Glengarry P.S. annual meeting at Kirkhill was one of inspiration and information. The Provincial meeting was fully reported, and a new Girl Guide Group, of Kirkhill, answered the roll call with the C.G.I.T. Young Women's Auxiliaries assisted with the devotions. Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, was the speaker. Rev. W. E. Davies, Finch, and Rev. D. A. Robertson, Kirkhill, spoke briefly.

A deep spiritual atmosphere pervaded the annual meeting of Maitland P.S. in Wingham. Rev. K. McLean welcomed the large delegation. Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto, spoke on ''Our Mission Work in Canada''. A model Mission Band meeting was conducted by the Wingham Band. Dorothy Coates of Molesworth won the Presbyterial award, a Junior Membership.

Knox Auxiliary, Ethel, celebrated its Golden Jubilee in May. Mrs. K. McLean, Wingham, and Mrs. Alex. Strachan, Brussels, gave inspirational addresses. A birthday cake with fifty golden candles was cut by

Mrs. Wm. Eakmuir, a member for forty-four years. Guests from Molesworth, Cranbrook, Brussels and Bluevale helped to celebrate the occasion.

The annual meeting of Temiskaming P.S. was held in Cochrane, the whole congregation doing their bit towards its success. Reports showed faithful work done. Mrs. D. B. Marwick, President, gave detailed reports of the Provincial meeting in Ottawa and the Council meeting in Toronto. Mr. Ross Adams, student missionary at Cochrane, related his experiences as a missionary in the West. The Goforth Mission Band presented a pageant, ''The Card of India''.

One of the best annual meetings in the history of Barrie P.S. was held in Orillia. Fine departmental reports were given, the Mission Bands doing unusually good work. Speakers were Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Toronto, Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Brampton, and Miss Frieda Matthews, deaconess, of Red Deer, Alberta. Rev. G. C. Little, Alliston, represented Presbytery and Rev. J. A. MacInnis welcomed the guests. Mrs. K. N. Cooper, Collingwood, is the new President.

The Rosalind Goforth Mission Band, Penetanguishene, had their annual birthday party at the manse, when thirty children brought gifts for a little Ukrainian girl whom the Senior Auxiliary are clothing.

North Bay P.S. met in North Bay with organizations well represented. Reports were very good. Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Sudbury, President, reported the Provincial and Council meetings in Ottawa and Toronto respectively. Rev. H. J. Scott, North Bay, conducted the election and installation of officers.

Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Galt, at a special summer meeting in St. Paul's Church, Guelph, gave a full report of the Council meeting in Toronto. Reports of this year's work were given.

Sectional meetings in Lanark and Renfrew P.S. were held at Elphin, Dewars, and Ross, with Mrs. M. G. Anderson, Miss B. V. McEwen and Mrs. E. Ashby presiding. Addresses on ''The Work in India'', ''Home Helpers'', ''Prayer and Giving'', with reports of Provincial and Council meetings, were given by Dr. Margaret O'Hara, Smith's Falls, and Mrs. H. Cochrane, Arnprior, Presbyterial President. Sales of literature were good.

Sectional meetings were held in London P.S. at Bethel Church, London Township, Ailsa Craig, Ilderton, and Bryanston. These were each addressed by Mrs. S. D. Grosvenor, London, and Mrs. J. M. Dickson, Dutton, on the Provincial and Council meetings. A number of Y.W. members, with Mrs. M. McGugan, Presbyterial Y.W. Secretary, attended the Y.W. conference in Toronto in June.

Some 140 children and 35 leaders attended a Mission Band Rally in New St. James Church, London. Mrs. D. A. Cameron and Mrs. W. C. Wheaton, Port Stanley, were in charge and the rally was considered the best yet. Mrs. M. G. Graham, Dutton, home from Formosa, gave an interesting picture of the boys and girls in that far-off island; many, even in rich families, are sold or given away. She described many strange customs: how the natives cook their food all in one dish; how the pig, the most popular animal in the country, is treated almost as a member of the family, and many other interesting things. Mrs. J. M. Dickson also spoke to the boys and girls, impressing them with the important part they play in the work of the W.M.S. Mrs. Quinn, London, who with her husband, Dr. Quinn, is under appointment to work in Formosa, also gave a short message.

Sectional meetings in Toronto P.S. were held at Long Branch, Streetsville, West Hill, Markham, Nashville and Newmarket. Mrs. A. C. Stewart, President, addressed all meetings. Other speakers were Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, Mrs. A. E. Toombs, Mrs. C. Steinmetz, Mrs. W. Ekins and Mrs. J. A. Hilts. Work in Mission Bands, Girls' and Young Women's departments was stressed. Rosedale Auxiliary, Toronto, adopted a unique plan of interesting the congregation generally in their W.M.S. work. After service on two successive Sundays all present were invited to inspect the lovely display of articles prepared for the supplies. Much admiration of the exhibit and interest in the work was expressed.

Miniature Presbyterials in the form of sectional meetings throughout Hamilton P.S. were conducted at seven points. Messages were given by Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, Miss B. Armstrong, Presbyterial President, District Presidents and Miss Grace Wood. Programmes included a quartette by Mission Band boys, a luncheon hour question-box, talks to Mission Bands and to Girls' Groups, and a service of remembrance. Literature was on display at each meeting.

A summer conference of Paris P.S. was held in Simcoe, Mrs. T. E. Langford presiding. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Toombs both brought messages of interest and inspiration. Mrs. W. Ekins, Hespeler, brought greetings from the Provincial Board. Mrs. R. C. Campbell, on behalf of the Presbyterial, presented a Life Membership to Miss Margaret Ramsay, of Formosa, the gift being received by Mrs. Ramsay, her mother. The Simcoe Ladies' Aid entertained the delegates to dinner.

QUEBEC

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DELEGATES who attended the Council meeting in May presented their reports at an open meeting of the Quebec Provincial Executive presided over by Miss C. E. Cameron on June 16th. The attendance was fairly representative, but at that season of the year many families have left the city for the summer.

A rally of Young Women's Auxiliaries held at Riverfield, Quebec, on June 21st, was attended by a large number of representatives of South Shore Auxiliaries. After Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of Montreal

Presbyterial, had opened the meeting, it was under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Pae, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, and Miss Margaret MacNaughton, the assistant Secretary. Executive officers of the seven Auxiliaries represented detailed activities in which they were mainly interested and much enthusiasm was disclosed. Miss Barbara Dougherty, Provincial Young Women's Secretary, brought greetings from the Provincial and Miss Mildred Cavers gave a résumé of the recent conference in Toronto in connection with the Young Women's Leaders' Fellowship. In her address Mrs. O. R. Campbell, Montreal, stressed the continuing need for trained workers and officials and the importance of sustained progress. An invitation was extended from Huntingdon for next year's rally.

The sympathy of the Quebec Presbyterial is extended to the members of the Scotstown Auxiliary in the sudden death of Mrs. M. G. MacIver, on June 8th, followed in twenty-four hours by that of her sister-in-law, Miss Christine MacIver, who had been an invalid for many years. Both these devoted women had been actively engaged in W.M.S. work as well as in other departments of Church work and had endeared themselves by their kindly dispositions to all with whom they came in contact.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Weirdale have cause to rejoice in the erection of the Weirdale Hospital. Enthusiasm has been evident on every hand. At first the work seemed backward as the lumber obtained was sawn from nearby logs and even the laying of the foundation seemed a slow process.

All the work is volunteer except that of the supervisor, who receives some remuneration. On June 4th they had a "bee" and by the end of the day the fourteen men had the four walls up. The ladies served a hot dinner at noon and an afternoon lunch. An early completion of the building is anticipated, thus filling a great need in the north land beyond the Saskatchewan River. The Weirdale Auxiliary wish to express their thanks for the furnishings received from the Lucy Baker Home, recently closed in Prince Albert. At the recent Presbyterial meeting in Prince Albert that Auxiliary was well represented, members having come many miles to attend the sessions.

Saskatoon P.S.—There was an excellent attendance at the Parkview W.M.S. Auxiliary meeting in May when the Home Helpers department was featured. Mrs. Novikoff gave an interesting paper on "The Deaconess on the Frontier". A very interesting letter from Miss Ruth Heighton of Formosa was read. In the death of Mrs. Alex. Lindsay, aged ninety-one, the Auxiliary mourns the loss of a very faithful Home Helper.

Treasurer's Statement

June 30th, 1936

RECEIPTS

A Friend, "Car fare for Mrs. Adams"	$ 2.55
Miss Marian Patterson, Toronto, "Miss Madill's Equipment"	1.00
Hunter Presbyterian Church, Dunbar Heights, Vancouver	2.00
Ontario Young Women's Auxiliary Conference	145.00
Refund on Miss Ellen Douglas's Expenses	260.05
Refund from Vegreville School	150.00
Refund on Miss Anderson's Expenses	128.65
Refund on Council Expenses	199.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Ontario	6,950.00
	$7,838.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 404.16
Vegreville	200.00
Chinese in Canada	755.92
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	570.82
Birtle Indian School	585.29
Mistawasis Indian School	45.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	711.54
New Liskeard	134.73
Saskatoon	134.44
Vegreville	235.82
Welcome and Welfare	1,417.53
Publications	466.12
Organization	235.00
Lantern Slides	9.38
Pensions	146.66
India, Bhil Field	4,045.50
Jhansi Field	3,126.25
Formosa	587.48
Exchange	1,305.06
Canadian School of Missions	100.00
Deputation	55.75
South China	250.00
British Guiana	310.00
New Missionary	200.00
Administration	449.22
	$16,481.67

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Special Fund—	
Rent of Residence in Prince Albert, Sask.	$120.00
Sale of McCrea property, Vegreville, Alta.	24.37
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Thanksgiving

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.
—Psalm 92: 1.
Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.
—Psalm 68: 19.
In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
—I Thess. 5: 18.

Many Christians have energy enough to be faithful, but they haven't faith enough to be praiseful. Ten lepers had faith enough to be healed; only one had faith enough to praise God for that healing. Faith is the scale of life, with its light spaces and dark dots. Praise is arranging those dots to the sweetest music of which the heart is capable. God's ear is tender and sensitive to the heart's music. —Dr. Jowett.

Thee, Lord, we praise in autumn days
For spring days gone before;
Blest days when forth the sower went,
Intent on winter's store.

From early morn till set of sun
He sowed the precious grain;
An anxious brow all summer through,
But harvest came again.

Giver of all, Thy promise true
Comes down the long, long years,
That reaping time is joyful time,
Though the sowing be with tears.

We know that He who gives the crops
And makes the earth so fair
Will still with man, as He hath done,
Man's toilsome labours share.

Comes all too fast Life's autumn blast,
And flowers no longer grow;
Lord, grant us many golden sheaves,
When to Thy barn we go!

—G. W. Ewarts, in *Life and Work.*

Editorial

Congratulations

THE Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Division), at its annual meeting, on September 23rd and 24th, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. The celebrations were held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the Society was organized sixty years ago. We would extend to our fellow-workers in the Eastern Division heartiest congratulations on the completion of sixty years' service and best wishes for increasing blessing with fresh inspiration and new strength in the years to come.

A Japanese Tribute to Dr. Caroline Macdonald

HUMAN memory is notoriously short. How soon even great men and women are forgotten or become but a memory as their places are filled! It is a peculiar pleasure, therefore, to find the contrary true. A recent interesting visitor to the office was Mr. Shunzo Yoshisaka, of Tokyo, Japan, representative of the Japanese Government at the Council of the International Labour Bureau in Geneva. While in Canada on his way from Geneva to Japan, he wished to visit the grave of his ''very dear friend, Miss Macdonald,'' and, if possible, to get in touch with her family. It is in itself a striking tribute to Dr. Caroline Macdonald that, five years after her death, this Japanese Government official who had known her and her work in his own country and who had been with her at the Labour Congress in Geneva two years before her death, should, in spite of his reserve, be so moved in thinking and expressing appreciation of her. She was, he said, the finest kind of ambassador, and had meant so much to Japan. To the cause of Labour, especially in Tokyo, she had made a unique contribution, her unfailing tact, her keen sense of humour, and her ability to handle difficult, controversial situations making her service in this field particularly valuable. As for her prison work, Mr. Yoshisaka thought that it was very difficult for us in this country to understand what she had done. He spoke enthusiastically, too, of the service she had rendered through her home, open to the hardened criminal and to the girl in trouble as to any others—all were welcome. Although realizing the great difficulty of finding any one to replace her, Mr. Yoshisaka exclaimed: ''But what a pity there is not some one to follow on in her work!'' He deeply regretted that, at the last, pressure of time and inconvenience of train connections would prevent him from going to Wingham, to Miss Macdonald's grave, but, wishing to leave some tangible tribute, he gave money to have flowers placed on her grave — a commission which her sister gladly consented to fulfil.

As we go to press word has come of the death in Brantford on September 8th of Dr. Macdonald's mother, Mrs. Peter Macdonald, at the age of 95 years.

Dr. Jessie MacBean

All our readers will be glad to know that Dr. MacBean's health is greatly improved. The next few months she will spend in Winnipeg.

THE articles by Miss MacLean, Miss Murphy, and Mr. MacKay have been taken from the ''Koreans in Japan'' number of *The Korea Mission Field,* published in Seoul, Korea. To give further information on this important part of our missionary work a leaflet is being prepared on the Koreans in Japan.

The Annual Report

THE 1935 Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) has been sent out. Containing reports of all departments of the Society's work, it should be of interest to every member of every W.M.S. organization. While the report is sent to the officers, it is expected that the information it gives should be available to all members.

The allocation of reports is as follows:

Two to every Auxiliary;
Two to every Young Women's Auxiliary;
One to every Associate or Affiliated Society;
One for the use of the Girls' Organizations in a congregation;
One for each Mission Band.

There are on hand, too, a limited number of reports which may be obtained on the payment of twenty-five cents each.

We are, unfortunately, aware of some seeming inaccuracies in the report. We found, for instance, in comparing a Corresponding Secretary's report with the tabulated statement that figures sometimes differed. We, of course, have no way of knowing which is accurate. It has come to our knowledge, however, that in two Provinces new groups organized in 1935 were not reported to the Council Secretary until the spring of 1936, after reports were in. In another case, two totals reported for the value of supplies were quite different, the tabulated statement not showing returns from all Presbyterials. Such discrepancies, before which we in the office are helpless, might surely be avoided if new organizations were reported promptly through the proper channels, and if Secretaries who are sending in reports of the same work would confer to arrive at the greatest possible degree of accuracy. To be of use, statistics should be correct, and when the same work is reported in two forms the figures should tally.

In connection with the reports, too, we would ask for special care in the writing of names. Everyone likes to see his or her name spelt correctly, but sometimes after spending a good deal of time in trying to decipher a name, we are still doubtful of what it should be. And when a name may be spelt in more than one way, care should be taken to give the spelling used by the person referred to. Believing in the necessity of reports being as accurate as possible, we should appreciate the co-operation of all who send in returns.

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New Missionary Under the W.M.S. (W.D.)

To India—Dr. Effie D. Winchester, medical missionary, September, 1936.

New Missionaries Under the Church

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W.M.S. Missionaries on Furlough

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From Japan—Miss Gladys Murphy, W.M.S. (E.D.)

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From India—The Bhil Field—Rev. C. L. and Mrs. Wood, Alirajpur; Dr. John and Mrs. Howie, Jobat. Jhansi—Rev. A. A. Lowther.

Church Missionaries Returning after Furlough

To Japan—Mrs. L. L. Young, Miss Ethel MacDonald, Kobe, September, 1936.

To India—Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Toombs, Barwani, July, 1936.

I Ought To Be Thankful

"FOR grief unsuffered, tears unshed,
For clouds that scattered overhead;
For pestilence that came not nigh,
For dangers great that passed me by;
For sharp suspicion soothed, allayed;
For doubt dispelled that made afraid;
For fierce temptation well withstood,
For evil plot which brought forth good;
For weakened links in friendship's chain
That, sorely tested, stood the strain;
For harmless blows with malice dealt,
For base ingratitude unfelt;
For hatred's keen, unuttered word,
For bitter jest, unknown, unheard,
For every evil turned away,
Unmeasured thanks I give to-day."

—*Selected.*

With Young Korea in Japan

JEAN C. MACLEAN

THE Chosen Christian Church in Japan, while endeavouring to spread the Gospel among men and women, does not forget the little children and young people. For the very little ones there are seven kindergartens in which are enrolled some 215 children. The staff of teachers consists of 12 young women, five of whom are assistant teachers and are supported by the local Church.

Go into a kindergarten in a country village and you will think you are back in Korea, for the children wear their native costume, speak their native language, and during school sit on the floor. Visit an Osaka kindergarten and there you will notice that some children wear Korean costume, some wear Japanese kimono, while some are dressed in western fashion. But what language do these children speak? Well, I should call it a Korean-Japanese language, though the moment recess comes the children usually speak Japanese. All the teaching, however, is done in Korean. The buildings are inadequate, equipment limited and play-ground space not worth mentioning.

As the majority of the children come from non-Christian homes, a splendid contact with the home is provided by the kindergarten. Then, too, the little ones go home, sing the hymns they have learned, recite Scripture verses and pray, so that they are continually witnessing for the Master. On my return from furlough in September, I was very happy to meet a number of parents who had become believers during the past year and while one does not know what part the children played in giving the Good News to the parents, still we do know that God often uses the little children.

In March the graduation exercises take place and little Seven-Year-Old is as proud of his diploma as a college graduate. The children continue to come to Sunday School and the seeds already sown in the young heart will grow and one day, we pray, bring forth much fruit.

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Our kindergartens have each an organization for mothers. Somehow it is almost impossible to get the mothers out to the meetings. Many of them either work in some factory or do work at home brought from a factory and are so busy earning a livelihood that as yet they do not realize that such an organization could be of great benefit to them. In spite of discouragement, the young teachers are faithful in their work and it is a real pleasure as well as a privilege to work with such a fine group of Christian young people.

Every Korean church has its Sunday School and for at least one hour each week more than 2,000 children listen to the Old, Old Story, sing of

Jesus and His love, and memorize precious verses from the Word. There is never a shortage of children and always a shortage of teachers, although many splendid young people attending middle school and college give of their time and talent liberally to the Sunday School work. As in the kindergartens, most of the pupils come from non-Christian homes and the parents, though not willing to submit their own lives to the Lord, are often anxious that their children should attend the Sunday School. In many cases the little ones are packed in rather tightly, though they sit on the floor in true Korean style; they also sing lustily in true Korean style and love to sing the same hymns as other children the world over.

In the summer time, Daily Vacation Schools are held in some 53 places when crowds of boys and girls gather in the hot July and August days to study Bible, Korean reading and writing, and do handwork. Often the buildings are inadequate, so that some schools have been known to be held out of doors in the shadow of some leafy trees. Since a number of the regular Sunday School teachers return to Korea for summer vacation, it is always difficult to secure teachers. There is always a good attendance and keen interest shown in these summer schools. At the close of the school, the children who have been most faithful in attendance and who have studied the best receive prizes, usually a copy of the New Testament. The school is then over for another year, but by no means forgotten; because of it there will be more children in Sunday School and the Good News will have reached homes as yet untouched.

Passing on to the older young people, we find the Christian Endeavour Society trying to meet the needs of the young men and women. There are such organizations in more than thirty of the Churches. These are carried on much the same as Endeavour meetings the world over; usually a meeting is held once a month when the Society has charge of the evening service. Having charge of this service, the young people are a real help to the pastor who has charge of several Churches and is a busy man. The members of the congregation are usually members of the Endeavour so that it is not exactly a meeting of young people. Those who take part in the service have a fine opportunity of gaining experience in conducting meetings and in preaching.

The Kwansai district which takes in Kobe and Osaka has a Christian Endeavour Union. Last year it was decided to have a summer conference at a place not far from Kobe near the sea. This conference lasted for five days during which some seventy young people were in attendance.

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What about those countless young men and women who are not in the Church? Among this class are many who were Christians in their youth but who came over to Japan, fell in with bad companions and are at present living a life of sin. Such young men are not happy, but have wandered so far away that they cannot find the way back. Some have found the way back and are full of remorse when they think of the months during which they forgot God.

Then there are the great numbers who have never accepted the Way of Salvation or who have never heard of the Saviour. What are the Christian young folks doing for this class? They are witnessing by example and by preaching. The Christian homes are a constant example of the power of the Gospel and its fruits and these are scattered here and there among non-believers' homes. The young Christian does preach to his non-Christian fellow countryman, but there is plenty of room for more zeal. Only the other day a young Korean said to me, ''There are so many Koreans who come over here who fall into sinful ways, who are away from home with nobody to take any interest in them, and here we Christian Koreans are with the greatest News in the world. Have we not a marvellous opportunity?'' We hope that more and more these young people will realize that the opportunity is unbounded and that with God's help they can be used mightily. May the young Korean Christian community in Japan continue to be used of the Master; this is one of our many hopes and prayers.

Korean Women in Japan

GLADYS M. MURPHY

THE work of our Korean Christian women in Japan is worthy of the highest praise. Away from their native environment, struggling with poverty and all the difficulties of a foreign land, they are nevertheless making a noble effort and growing under the burdens which they are called upon to bear. Here, as in Korea and Manchuria, some of the women work in the fields; a greater number, however, are to be found in factories. These two classes are more or less established, but a third class, the wives of day labourers who are continually on the move, have a much harder life, and it is much more difficult for the Church to do anything for them.

All over this land from north to south the women have had a worthy share in establishing Churches. Although scarcely realized, yet in more than one instance groups owe their beginning to the initiative of a woman who, though in a new and strange land and surrounded by non-Christians, let her light so shine that others were brought to a saving knowledge of the Truth. Only last year up in the far North there was a worthy example of this. A Christian woman moving from one of the churches in Karafuto to a non-Christian community, gathered around her in her home those who would listen to the Message, with the result that there is now a growing Christian group in that place. In another district nearer home, a grandmother of sixty-two who knew the Saviour could not rest until a work was started in her community. And yet again, in the city of Osaka, a woman had much to do with the beginning of what is now the largest Korean congregation in Japan. Thus from the first have women, old and young, been used in the establishing of Churches in this land.

For quite some time there was no definitely organized work for women. Gradually, however, as the Churches grew in numbers and in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, women's societies were started. The first came into being about six years ago. To begin with, this effort was a very humble one and carried on with difficulty. Five years ago all were in the kindergarten stage, but to-day in many places the women conduct their own meetings with ability and ever increasing efficiency. The credit for this growth and improvement is in a large measure due to our consecrated, faithful Bible women. At the present time there are twenty-five Women's Auxiliaries with an enrolment of about six hundred and fifty women, and these societies are making a valuable contribution to the work of the Church in many ways. The whole purpose of the society is naturally to witness for Christ, and in this the monthly report of the preaching committee is often very encouraging. In a financial way some groups help to support their own Bible woman, while others assist with the church rent. In some places the Bible women help to carry on prayer-meeting groups and frequently they are called upon to assist families where there is sickness or death. In addition to this, they take charge of social functions, and several have contributed generously to their own church building fund.

Worthy of mention is the assistance given by the students in the Bible Training Schools of Osaka, Yokohama, and elsewhere. These girls give unstintingly of their spare time to various groups, assisting with visiting, Sunday Schools, W.M.S. meetings, and even to taking services where there is no leader. In the Yokohama Bible School the course calls for a period of four months' practical training. At the end of the March term, two of these girls are being employed, one to work in Yokohama, and the other in Tokyo.

At present there are at work eighteen full-time Bible women. Some of these are partly supported by the native Church, and one or two are assisted by societies in Korea. Several have graduated from Bible Schools in Japan, but the greater number come to us from one or other of the schools in Korea. All are doing splendid work, and of all we are justly proud. Their supreme desire is clearly to serve the Master in their own particular sphere, but here where workers are so few the Bible woman bridges many a gap, serving cheerfully and well in all that she is called upon to do. It is impossible to estimate the value of such service, especially when we consider the peculiar difficulties under which they work. Living often in wretched slum districts and having such large areas to serve calls for real faith and true courage. Remembering this, it is at once evident that in their visiting of the sick, comforting the sorrowing, helping the needy, bringing new hope and courage to the discouraged, a bright true witness is being maintained.

Their Bible study classes also have been wonderfully blessed. Once or twice a year, wherever the life of factory workers permits, they gather the women together for several days of intensive Bible study. The value of these classes is already clearly felt, but as yet the possibilities of such work have hardly been touched. We look forward, as the groups become stronger and as we have more workers, to organized classes of longer duration, when the women may be prepared for more efficient and effective leadership in their own Churches and groups.

In addition to the work of Bible women in Churches, they also render a fine service in the untouched areas at some distance from the congregations which they serve. Going out to such communities, they hold classes for non-Christian women in some home or wherever they can secure a meeting place, teaching them to read and write, and at the same time bringing to them the Message of Salvation. Of all their work, perhaps this and visiting is the most difficult and discouraging. Here they are brought into contact with the great multitudes who are living in ignorance and sin, all of whom it seems well nigh impossible to reach. Among them are all classes and conditions. Some, though poor and living in most miserable surroundings, seem satisfied and more or less happy. A second group are so far discouraged that nothing, it seems, can bring the slightest ray of hope. To them life is hard, cruel, and nothing can change it or make any difference. Still a third and decidedly the most pitiable of all is that rapidly and even alarmingly increasing group that make up the slave trade among young women. Here they are virtually sold into a life of shame, and soon become so heavily burdened with debt that they have no hope whatever of release. Japanese societies and various missions to the Japanese are attempting to deal with this problem among their own people, and it is becoming more and more evident that we must affiliate with them in some way, if this rising evil among our Koreans is to be checked.

The great need to meet the opportunities that present themselves is more workers. As has been said, the Churches are working in the direction of self-support, but in view of conditions this will be necessarily slow. But, even so, we rejoice in their courage and faithfulness, and in the privilege that is ours to serve with them.

We lack but open eye and ear
To find the Orient's marvels here;
The still small voice in autumn's hush,
Yon maple wood the burning bush.
—Whittier, *The Chapel of the Hermits.*

Observations of a New Missionary

By Malcolm R. MacKay

HAVING seen a little of the work of missions among Koreans in Korea and among Japanese in Japan, it is evident that the work among Koreans in Japan presents certain unique features. This is due partly to the fact that the Koreans themselves as well as the missionaries are strangers in another land. For this reason a time of residence in Korea is essential to an understanding of the national background of these expatriated people. Nevertheless, one feels that he is dealing with a group who are neither Korean nor Japanese in their outlook, but nameless ones who are adrift on the sea of life without chart, compass or destination. Again, every day one is faced with a difficulty which few missionaries consistently experience, namely, two languages instead of one. In everything one touches, in working, travelling, visiting and even in the home, the Japanese language is essential, but time is lacking for regular and prolonged study of it.

In such an extended field with such diverse conditions it is obvious that for the few missionaries who must work much of it at a distance there are peculiar difficulties that missionaries whose work is concentrated in one city, or even larger area, do not meet. This the writer has learned through attending numerous station meetings and listening to discussions that often last for hours, when the missionaries grapple with problems coming in from every quarter of Japan,—city, country and wild tracts of the north, as well as related ones that come in from Korea. Although the Mission is engaged in evangelistic work only, one has yet to see a greater number or a more amazing variety of requests and complicated problems that arise in connection with it, for one small group of people to handle. There is everything from elaborate building projects to the collection of second-hand clothing and toys for children at Christmas exercises. This on the material side alone which is truly regarded as only incidental to the main task of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the hundreds of thousands who have not yet heard it. As one who is working on the language course and not yet a full time field-worker, I can only marvel at the patience, perseverance and unending devotion of the others in a task that takes every waking moment.

As for personal observations in daily contacts with Koreans, they, too, differ from impressions received in Korea. In Japan one must seek out the Koreans. Much time seems lost in travelling to places where they live. Unsegregated, they are to be found in the most unexpected places,—perhaps two or three houses far from any other Koreans. Although they are as open to the Gospel message as they are at home, they are more callous than those in their native provinces. Every day one meets men who say they once believed in Korea but fell away on coming to Japan. Many have renewed their faith. If space permitted one could give personal instances of decisions for Christ, especially by young men,—brought about through the written Word of God, and tracts containing Scripture verses only, key verses, which point out the way of salvation to the unredeemed. The Parable of the Sower is working out in this field as in Galilee of old. As one sees God's Word being fulfilled faithfully, day by day, his faith is strengthened and he thanks God and rejoices that he is privileged to have a share in this work.

Tribute from a Non-Christian

Extract from an article in "The Hindu" on the Amelioration of the Condition of Hindu Women.

"WE by no means approve of the attempts of the evangelists to Christianize India. We believe in the vitality of the Hindu religion, and in the suitability of its doctrines to the people of this land, if not to those of other lands. But it is impossible not to admire, and not to feel thankful for, the good work the missionaries are doing. It is a matter of standing reproach to us that we are not able to do for our own countrymen and women half as much as the Christian missionaries are doing for us. Where are the hospitals for Hindu ladies founded by the Hindu religious organizations? Where are the Hindu women who, influenced by their religion, are willing to devote their lives to the service of their sisters? Let us be thankful that women born in England, whose customs, manners, and everyday lives differ vastly from ours, cheerfully sojourn amidst us and spend years, not in assisting their own kith and kin, not in making money, but in teaching all classes of Hindu women, in nursing them when they are ill. Let anyone who is sceptical only visit the scenes of work of these ladies, and they will be satisfied with the highly disinterested nature of the good work being done."

A statement such as that, coming from the Editor of a non-Christian paper, bears very eloquent testimony to the efficacy of Christian missionary effort. He professes to believe in the vitality of the Hindu religion, and in the suitability of its doctrines to the people of India, yet he feels that something is wrong when the Christian missionary does for them costly and generous work which they fail to do for themselves. It is the humanity, the unselfishness, and the sacrifice which spring from our Christian creed that appeals to him, and extorts his admiration and praise.

—*The Living Message.*

Let never day nor night unhallow'd pass,
But still remember what the Lord hath done.—Shakespeare.

The Watchword of the Pioneers Being Fulfilled

JUNGLE missionaries, I think, must be something like the men in the Flanders trenches who got their news of the War from the home papers. In our own tiny sector we raid and are raided, hold a position or lose an outpost, find our ''bit'' that needs doing and try to do it. Sometimes, too, we do hear the rumbling of distant guns. But for all that, the Great War might be lost or won and we know little about it.

That was one reason why it was a rare treat for us Bhil Christians to meet with Bishop Pickett in Rasalpura. We each knew something of the Bhil of our own area: for us there were the Bhils of Khandesh, Gujerat, of Rajputana and Malwa; there were Canadian Presbyterian Bhils, and U.C.C. Bhils, M.E.'s and I.P.'s, Lutherans, Quaker, and Church of Scotland. But for Bishop Pickett and the Survey Party the Bhils were a single unit, a people within a people, one ''homogeneous'' group, more ready, he said, for a vast ''group movement'' toward Christ than any other people in India to-day.

To one listener at least his words recalled vividly the life-long prayer and the unshaken faith of her parents, pioneer missionaries to the Bhils of the Vindhya Mountains. Their watchword for forty long years has been: ''A Christian nation in the heart of India''. As the young Bishop told us of what he had seen north and south, east and west, all over India, and returned to the present opportunity among the Bhils, she thought his words an earnest of the fulfilment of her father's prayer.

In order that that high task be accomplished, the Survey Party recommended that there be a ''Bhil Work Council'' to co-ordinate the work of the various missions in the Bhil area. Schools, training centres, churches, hospitals, dispensaries should be planned, and placed, and staffed, to suit the especial needs of the Bhils and help them to a life ''more abundant'' among their own people. We should pool all our cloth to cut the *lugari* that best suits the Bhils—however unsuitable it may be for Hindus or Canadians. We must leave everything out of the picture but Jesus who is seeking, and the Little People of the Hills who sorely need to be found.

As the Daughter of the Pioneers listened there was ''a sound as of a mighty rushing wind'' in her ears. Far in the depths of the Vindhya Jungle on the black rock of high Mount Mother stood a Figure, tall as the stars and white as a blossoming Teenchiya tree. The sunset sky was red; and below the valleys rang with the old rallying cry:

''Bol—Yishu Masih ki jai.''*

In the shadowy drawing-room the Bishop talked on quietly. He said that our position in Bhil Land is strategically of the greatest importance. Rightly undertaken, the movement there begun might become a pivotal movement, encircling neighbouring peoples. He told us of the experience of Christian Missions in South India: what Christ has done for the outcastes of Dornakal is the miracle-fact that is drawing other castes to the One Who Can. ''Christ's way to the heart of India'', he said, ''lies first to these 'poorest, and lowliest, and lost'; then through them to the rest of Hindustan.''

We do thank the Bishop, the Survey Party, and all those who arranged the Rasalpura Conference for the counsel of those glad days together.

—Ruth Buchanan, in the *Central India Torch.*

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* Rev. A. A. Lowther kindly gives the literal translation of this cry: "Shout for Jesus Christ".

WELCOME AND WELFARE WORK

MRS. A. E. STEVENS

MISS MARY MURRAY, hospital visitor for our Church in Toronto, reports that she is receiving splendid co-operation from the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries in this city. When the patient leaves the hospital, Miss Murray sends the name and address to the Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary who in turn sends this information on to the Welcome and Welfare Secretary of the Church the patient is, or should be, attending. In this way, Miss Murray is relieved of much follow-up work in the homes and is able to concentrate more on visiting in the hospitals, which is so essential.

May we recommend this plan to Welcome and Welfare Secretaries throughout our Church who are not already using it?

Bright Sunbeams Mission Band, Ukrainian children,
St. Paul's Church, Sault Ste. Marie.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

NEXT Sunday we hope to have our first service in Silverwood and the following Sunday our first in Bellory, eight miles east of Wanham. They have a little Anglican Church there, but services are held very irregularly and the people say they will welcome our services. Bellory is on the way to Fox Creek and so on alternate Sundays services could be held; one Sunday, Wanham, Bellory and Fox Creek, the next Sunday, Wanham Heart Valley and Westvale. Then when we have Silverwood and Greenway, a field will be established with Prestville as centre.

—*Miss Grigor, Wanham, June 2.*

How God Led Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Davis to Us

By Rosalind Goforth

DURING the past fifteen months, since our return to Canada, we have come into close contact with many W.M.S. circles. It has been a real surprise to find that, with the exception of a very few, Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Manchuria are practically unknown to the women of our Church. The following is a brief story of how wonderfully God led these consecrated workers to us in the time of our great need.

It was in the summer of 1918 that we came to know Mr. Davis. He was a much loved and honoured missionary of the Central China Mission of the Christian Missionary Alliance. We were both impressed with him as being a very fine type of missionary—a deeply spiritual man and an out-and-out evangelist. Twelve years later Dr. Goforth and I were on the steamer returning to Canada on furlough. We were facing a great need—the urgent need for a missionary couple to take charge of that vast region, the north-western part of our Manchurian field. We could not wait for new recruits; our need was for experienced missionaries who could speak the language, who had been tested and proved to be God-used evangelists. We prayed for such and our faithful Lord gave us just what we asked for. One day when we were discussing our need I said to my husband, ''If you had the power to choose from all the hundreds of missionaries we know, whom would you wish to join us in Manchuria?'' He hesitated a moment, then mentioned one who we knew could not be asked. Then he said, ''Of all I know I would choose Mr. Davis.'' ''Why,'' I replied, ''that is strange, for he is the one I had as my choice!'' We then decided, on reaching Toronto, to write to Mr. Davis in Central China and put before him our need. But we had been only a few days settled in our home in Toronto when who should walk in but Mr. Davis himself.

We told him of our leading on the boat and quietly he bowed his head as he said, ''Truly God seems to be guiding''. He then told us that he had just come up from Dr. Grant's office where he had gone to get our address in Manchuria, for he and his wife had been forced to leave China as all the Central China Mission had been broken up through the political troubles and missionaries had been evacuated. On their way home they had prayed that the Lord might open their way to *join us in Manchuria*. He had planned to write to us when told we had just reached Toronto. As we together bowed our heads in prayer and thanksgiving, we felt the Lord's Presence very close, for we all saw ''The thing was of God.''

Many were the difficulties to be overcome, but they were overcome and within three months we had the joy of seeing Mr. and Mrs. Davis and their two children, Paul and Muriel, off for Manchuria.

Mr. Davis has proved to be all and more than we expected he would be. But what of Mrs. Davis? This is mainly for our W.M.S. women and you will therefore want to know about her and what she has turned out to be. Well, dear friends, I call Mrs. Davis our *Surprise* missionary. She is indeed a wonder. Not only is she a woman of prayer and utterly consecrated to her Lord, but she is also a woman of outstanding gifts. She has the gift (so important) of initiative, of organization and leadership. She holds Bible study classes for women—to train Christian women for reaching the unevangelized of their own region. It is in these monthly classes her most brilliant gift is in evidence, that of illustration. Mrs. Davis is a real artist and a born teacher. I have seen women come from one of her classes with a roll of fifteen large beautifully coloured pictures illustrating the Bible lesson. These were copied from Mrs. Davis' own illustration, each member of the class being taught by her to make her own drawings. Mrs. Davis has become widely known for her striking and vivid drawings. She has received invitations from as far as Shanghai to give her illustrated Bible talks.

Mrs. Davis needs our most sympathetic prayer support, for her work takes her away from home a great deal, living in far from comfortable quarters and cooking and eating much as campers would. I have known Mrs. Davis, though racked with a cough, go to her classes facing the fiercest bitterly cold winter storm. We do praise God for both dear Mrs. Davis and her husband and pray they may be long spared to carry on in Manchuria.

A MESSAGE FOR WORKERS

LET us not become so engrossed in activities of all sorts that we neglect the deepening of our spiritual experience. In these days there is a special need for us to discipline ourselves in the practice of retirement into the unseen—time spent apart with God, time spent in thought and meditation, in order that spiritual facts may become more real than the material. Whenever activity and organization take the place of communion with God, there are meagre spiritual results. Streams of energy flowing from solitary places, gushing fountains breaking out in secret places—such driving power is needed now. Let us not fail to build around these busy lives of ours a zone of silence. —DR. J. R. MOTT, in *The Front Line.*

Comes the Autumn

Clothed in splendour, beautifully sad and silent,
Comes the autumn over the woods and highlands,
Golden, rose-red, full of divine remembrance,
Full of foreboding.
Soon the maples, soon will the glowing birches,
Stripped of all that summer and love had dowered them,
Dream, sad-limbed, beholding their pomp and treasure
Ruthlessly scattered.
Yet they quail not; winter, with wind and iron,
Comes and finds them silent and uncomplaining,
Finds them tameless, beautiful still and gracious,
Gravely enduring. —*Archibald Lampman.*

A Trip to the Country

MISS RUTH L. HEIGHTON, *Taihoku, Formosa*

FOR some time Miss Burdick and I had been planning a trip to the country. She wished to visit a Bible woman, and I was to meet some of the people among whom I will work in the years to come. Last Friday morning we went to Sanshikyaku (foot of the mountain). The train was so crowded the sides fairly bulged, but fortunately we had to stay on only about thirty-five minutes. The preacher from the next village was on the same train and we were met by the Bible woman and two other Christian women. Then we started on our walk to the little village in which we were to stay. It was a lovely spring morning. The country was bathed in sunshine, and the atmosphere was calm and peaceful. On both sides of the road were rice-fields with their straight, even rows of young green rice shoots; between the fields, hedges of tall bamboos waving in the breeze; here and there a farmhouse, gleaming white, peeking, as it were, through the bamboo grove which surrounded it; at one side a red brick mill, its big black wheel singing one long continuous bass refrain as the millstream drove it round and round; and in the distance were the mountains, slope on slope, covered with a luxuriant vegetation that looked like green plush. As we went along we saw many interesting people—men with white towels around their perspiring heads, on their hands and knees in the water and clay of the rice fields, carefully pulling the weeds that strive with the rice shoots for first place in the field; men tethering water-buffaloes, or letting them cool themselves in the stream; women at the stream's edge pounding the washing with a big flat stick, chatting away with their friends as they worked; an old man here and there along the road whittling sugar cane sticks in readiness for the small boys who would come with a few sen to buy them; men and boys pulling carts with huge loads, resembling beasts of burden rather than human beings.

After about three-quarters of an hour we arrived at the little village and stopped at a house where we were to have lunch. We went into a room that was living-room and shop combined, for on a shelf near the door were several glass jars, containing biscuits, nuts and candies, most of the jars cracked and mended with brown paper. Before long a crowd of grandparents, mothers and fathers, and children of all ages, had gathered in the street, and were peering through the doorway and windows—the children came right inside to get a close-up view. Miss Burdick smiled and said to them in Formosan, ''Did you ever see anything so homely? Such blue, blue eyes?'' and they laughed. They hadn't seen foreigners before and we were quite a novelty! Miss Burdick asked them if they studied and came to the Bible women to learn to sing.

Lunch was a regular Chinese meal. The table was covered with bowls filled with a yellow spaghetti-like substance, cooked small green celery, pork, tripe, egg and meat omelette, rice, etc., almost everything flavoured with garlic! The hostess kept urging us to try certain dishes and, when we didn't take as much as she thought we should, she picked up certain ''choice morsels'' and deposited them in our bowls. Such hospitality! This home had been a Christian one many years ago, but with no Christian teaching over a period of years, they had slipped back into heathenism and had once again set up their ''god-shelf''. However, the lady is anxious to learn and the meetings are held in her shop, so that she may take her stand again as a Christian. After lunch our party (two ministers, the Bible woman, three other women and ourselves) moved on to the farmhouse where we were to spend the night. Here we were welcomed and given tea. The house was square with a courtyard in the middle. About fifty people lived there, including five generations. The great-great-grandmother told us that ever since they got our card they had been counting the days till we'd come. We went on to the next farmhouse where there was a woman whom the Bible woman has taught to read in two months. Miss Burdick would like her to come into the women's school, but she hasn't yet decided. After hymn-singing, prayer, and a message by one of the ministers, we returned to our house. Here we rested till supper, another Chinese meal. Though I am not very proficient in the use of chopsticks, I can manage a little with them. The people were always ready to help me, but I told them I must learn to do it myself. One lady asked, ''Well, what do they use in their country?'' It apparently had never dawned on her that all the people of the world did not use chopsticks! The preacher informed them that we use knives and forks and gave a demonstration of how we eat. After supper we walked out into the garden. It was a lovely, still evening and the reflection of the sunset in the rice-fields was beautiful. We had been out only a few seconds when the rest of the party came out, too. They thought we were on our way to the meeting, but Miss Burdick said, ''No, we just came out for a little stroll after supper.'' ''Yes,'' said the preacher, with the air of one who has very superior knowledge, ''after they eat they like to walk around.''

The meeting in the shop was to start at 7.30, but we were there before seven. Miss Burdick was able to hear several students read before it began. So many came that they had to break up store and move the jars with the peanuts and jelly beans in order to accommodate more people. There was singing, prayer, and addresses by Miss Burdick and the preacher. There must have been seventy-five people listening, some sitting on the benches, many standing in the doorways and windows, and even some in a tree outside. We had given our names, ages, and addresses to the police, but there was no sign of them at the meeting. The minister spoke on I Cor. 1: 18: ''For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.'' All listened very attentively and I'll never forget the eager look on their upturned faces. I was, and am, hoping that the seed sown will fall on fertile ground. After the meeting we went back to the farmhouse and prepared for bed by candle-light. I then had a new experience—that of sleeping in a Chinese bed. It was like a large sleeper in a train (curtain and all), and, being board, it was hard. There were two such beds in the room. The great-great-grand-mother and the Bible woman occupied one and Miss Burdick and I the other. We were so tired that we managed to get some sleep. The people were all astir very early in the morning, and we rose early, too, and made our own breakfast of toast and tea. However, the family had made breakfast (the same as all their other meals) for us, and they insisted on us having it about ten o'clock. On our way to the station we called for the lady who kept the shop. She told us that the policemen had been present at the meeting the previous night in plain clothes, and had been to her already three times that morning for instruction. They had understood every word and said that the teaching was good. We visited about six farmhouses, in each of which some one studied with the Bible woman. They were all non-Christians, but ''hearers''. I had some Christmas cards with me which I gave to the children. In another home the man (a Christian) spoke some English. Then we visited three homes on the mountain side, one that of a second-year pupil in the Tamsui Girls' School. In two of these homes we noticed a baby with a rash, and were told in a matter-of-fact tone, ''Yes, the baby has measles.'' Measles is not treated as a communicable disease here! We had our lunch at a house some distance up the hill, the home of one of the women who had met us at the station. By this time we could hardly bear to look upon Chinese food, but pretended to eat it with great relish. After lunch a meeting was held, much the same as the one the previous night. Each time the preacher prefaced his remarks by referring to the presence ''of these queer-looking people with red hair, pointed noses, and curly hair'', but went on to tell his listeners why we were here in Formosa. After the meeting, many people accompanied us to the station where we took the train back to Taihoku. Their last words to us as we left were ''Chhia koh lai'' (Please come again). It truly was a wonderful experience and I look forward with pleasure to the day when I shall have learned the languages sufficiently to hold classes in these country villages.

THE call to reach unevangelized peoples is not one that concerns only the missionary candidate. That is an extremely narrow way of looking at the problem. It depends upon the whole impact of Christian nations upon non-Christian communities and upon every Christian who is in contact with them bearing an adequate witness, whether the connection be trade, commerce, government or travel. In some cases these will be the only contact possible, and this constitutes a demand that Christian students to-day should consider their relationship to the missionary call not simply as that of presenting themselves to a mission board, but as to how they themselves as Christians should respond to Christ's command to be witnesses to Him wherever they may be.

—ALEXANDER McLEISH, *The Missionary Review of the World.*

What To Read

BY MARGARET NESS

IN the future it is the hope of the Secretary of Publications to be able to direct attention to worth-while books, both those stocked by our Publications Department and others of a more general nature. Should members wish to purchase definitely one or more copies of any book of the latter type, we will be only too glad to arrange the purchasing and forwarding through this Department.

First, a word about Study Books. It is suggested that the Senior Groups turn their attention for the coming few months to a substitute group until a new Study Book can be issued. **Incident and Story** at 25 cents a copy will provide suitable background facts; the set of maps **(Canada, British Guiana, China, India, Japan, Formosa)** will show the Mission Fields; and the **Programme** outlined by Miss P. B. Lamont in the January issue of *Glad Tidings* will aid in the organization end.

Certain of our books now in stock we are anxious to introduce again and are, therefore, reducing them in price. Among the number is: **Dr. Jessie MacBean**—a biographical study of this great doctor, which also includes an account of the work at Hackett Medical College, Canton, China. This volume in paper is reduced to 25 cents; gift edition, 75 cents. Here are a few interesting passages from this book: ''During the voyage to China Dr. MacBean came across an excerpt from a book she picked up to read. She not only copied it but it has stayed with her all these years, and has become a fixed habit. This is it and it is a splendid recipe for missionary work at home or abroad:

> 'They might not need me—
> Yet they might.
> I'll let my smile be
> Just in sight.' ''

Again, ''If a son is born (in the Hackett Medical Hospital) there is great rejoicing (on the part of the relatives) and the mother finds nothing too good for her. If the child is a girl, the next day the mother finds herself in a public ward, which is quite good enough for the mother of only a girl.'' ''The Chinese name for Dr. Jessie MacBean . . . . is Bean Yi Shang, which means 'Healer of Life'.'' '' 'What does 'Bless your Heart' mean?' asked a young Chinese doctor; 'That is what Dr. MacBean says to every new baby'. The explanation left the Chinese doctor very thoughtful.''

Others reduced are **Men Who Stood Alone**, now 35 cents, in which the dramatic incidents in the lives of the prophets are presented for boys and girls; **Deeds Done for Christ**, now 75 cents, dealing with the early martyrs and the later missionaries.

Other books worth recommending, but not reduced, are:

Mackay of Formosa, at 10 cents.

A Devotional Diary—75 cents. This has been arranged by J. H. Oldham and is in its ninth edition.

A Gentleman in Prison, translated by Dr. Caroline Macdonald. It is a true story of a Japanese criminal who came in touch with Jesus Christ and repented. Price 35 cents.

For further information see advertisement on back cover.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO FOR ONE ANOTHER

Love one another.—John 15: 17.
Comfort one another.—I Thess. 4: 18.
Consider one another.—Heb. 10: 24.
Serve one another.—Gal. 5: 13.
Receive one another.—Rom. 15: 7.
Exhort one another.—Heb. 3: 13.
Confess to one another.—James 5: 16.
Submit to one another.—Eph. 5: 21.
Pray for one another.—Jas. 5: 16.

Prayer

O God, our Heavenly Father, who didst send Thy Son into the world that through Him we might be saved, we lift up our hearts in gratitude for Thy loving care. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son and for the promise of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Help us to be worthy of these Thy gifts. We thank Thee, gracious Father, for Thy abundant goodness to us. We thank Thee for the devoted service of our missionaries at home and overseas. Especially would we give thanks for those who have been spared to give long years of service for Thee. Give them, we pray Thee, peace and happiness in their declining years. For those in training or just entering upon their life of service we would ask Thy special blessing. Give them comfort in times of loneliness and discouragement, patience and courage to overcome difficulties and physical strength that they may be enabled to carry the message of Thy love to those who have not heard Thy name.

Bless, we beseech Thee, the members of the Council Executive. Guide them as they plan the work of their different departments. Give wisdom and grace to Provincial, Presbyterial and Auxiliary Executives, that through them our Missionary Society may increase in power for Thee.

Bless, we pray Thee, our young people. Touch their hearts so that they may seize every opportunity to be of service for Thee. May they realize the need of the world and be filled with the desire to share in the joy of giving Thy message to others.

O Lord, wilt Thou give wisdom to those in authority in the nations of the world so that peace may be universal? May we all give more freely of our time, our talents and our substance that we may help in bringing the world to a knowledge of Thy great love.

These things we ask with the forgiveness of our sins, in the name of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Let Us Also Pray:

For missionaries who are on their way back to their fields; for those who are going out for the first time, and for the young who are now beginning their training for missionary service.

OUR LETTER BOX

Healing and Teaching

Jhansi, India.

I SHALL try to tell you something of the work which we are seeking to do here in Babina. We choose Babina as a field in which to work for several reasons. First, because it is accessible in the rainy season as it is on the main highway to Bombay as well as on the main railway line. It is only sixteen miles from Jhansi and has a great number of smaller villages round about to which it acts as a hub. The population of Babina itself is over two thousand, but we would judge that within a radius of five miles there are close to, if not over, twenty thousand. The Mission has a very comfortable little native house here in which I and my helpers can live the year round. And we felt that this was just the place that God would have us be. By using bicycles we can soon cover the distance of five miles, but I am ashamed to say that though we have been here for more than a year we hardly seem to have got started to work and there are quite a few villages in this area which I have not yet visited.

Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott on her rounds.

How I wish that I could say that we have seen many converts! But such is not the case. Some there are who seem to understand God's plan of Salvation and who say that they believe that the Lord Jesus is the only Saviour, and I believe this is true for a number, but they have not yet yielded themselves to Him as their own personal Saviour. So our hearts are far from being satisfied. We long to see them come out and out on the Lord's side. How true it is that we "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places!" One is so conscious of this fact as one sees the almost constant worship of the heathen deities, and demons as well.

Not long ago we were called to a village some three miles away to see a man with an infected foot. We found the leg greatly swollen from the toes to the knee. A small incision just above the ankle allowed about a quart of pus to escape. The next question was how to dress it, for we certainly could not go each day to dress it, and yet it needed to be dressed twice daily. We had the women wash some old cotton rags and dry them in the sun. These we soaked in salt solution made from ordinary table salt and bound on the leg, covering it from ankle to knee. This was then covered with banana leaves to keep it moist. A bandage applied completed the treatment. They were given a large bottle of the salt solution and carefully instructed to change the dressing twice a day and not allow it to dry night or day, and to report to us when the solution was finished. I am glad to say they were very faithful in following out the instructions, and the patient made a very rapid recovery. Some fifty men, besides women and children, had gathered bringing with them their afflicted ones. After looking at these we were free to have a meeting and most of them listened very attentively. This is just a sample of the type of medical work in which we indulge very frequently. We visited the village and the patient several times and always found a good audience, thirty to fifty men, besides women and children. On our last visit after a meeting lasting about one and a half hours they seemed still ready for more. We sold several Gospels and all seemed most interested; then first one, then several more offered back their Gospels. I asked the reason, but at first got no reply; then we were told that the schoolmaster had forbidden the children to have the books. (Very few of the adults can read; they have to depend on the children. Village schools are of fairly recent origin.) I explained that the teacher had no more right to forbid them to buy the books than he had to forbid them to buy fruit. After a little persuasion they decided to keep the books. The teacher was a high-caste man and, as is so often the case, he wants neither to hear the Gospel himself nor allow any one else to do so.

Not all our experiences are as encouraging as that one. Last fall we were called to a village about a mile away to see an old man with a tropical ulcer on his foot. These ulcers are horrible, vile-smelling affairs, which heal very slowly. We spent a lot of time attending the case, as he was an old man with very little vitality. He had a son and a daughter, but if one were to judge from their actions one would say that in their estimation the old man's room was better than his company. I often begrudged the time spent in going so often, but not to have gone would have seemed heartless. The foot healed in time; but we could not see that the Gospel Message had made the slightest impression on any one in the household, or on his ''caste brothers'' who lived in the same house. They did not wish to hear God's truth, but wanted only the physical benefits which they received free. All the picture is not dark, for while they who had such an opportunity to hear would not listen others not only of that village but of distant villages listened attentively.

Our work often takes us amongst the Sakarias (gipsy caste). There are some four or five hundred of these in Babina. During the harvest season they leave their little huts of mud and stone and go to live in wee grass huts in the fields in order that they may protect the crops from deer and wild pigs, etc. When first we came here it was almost impossible to hold a meeting in their section of the village. They thought it a huge joke that anyone should come to teach them of God. One or two wits among them would set them all off into gales of laughter just as we would be trying to teach the most sacred truth. They are so much like children that they always made a strong appeal to me, and we continued our visits to them. Now they greet me as ''sister'' and seem real glad to see us when we go. We often take the slides on the life of Christ and show them and now we usually have a quiet and attentive audience among them. They have learned to sing several simple hymns and always ask us to sing, in order that they may sing with us. In many ways I find it easier to work among them than among the high castes. I suppose not one of the four hundred can read or write or wishes to learn to do so; but they are slowly learning some of the Bible truths and we hope to see the day before long when many of them will become true followers of the Lord.

Maybe this little letter may serve to give you a slight idea of the work we are seeking to do here and of the difficulties which we encounter daily. We are earnestly longing for the day when these people shall be so aroused to a sense of their need of a Saviour that they will turn to the Lord in true faith and repentance. I think the greatest weapon which Satan uses here is the teaching that God has written everything on their foreheads; therefore, He is responsible for their sins; all they have to do is to repeat the name of Ram, one of the chief gods, and many (especially of the high castes) will tell you that they have never sinned. They limit sin to the taking of life and the eating of meat, so that we of Canada and other foreign countries are the big sinners.

I am aware of your keen interest in the work and I am sorry not to have written more often and not to be able to write more encouragingly about the work, but we have His promise that in due time we shall reap if we faint not, so please pray that we may soon be able to write you of an ingathering of souls to the honour and glory of our Lord and Master. Thank you all so much for your prayers in our behalf. No work can be greater or more far-reaching in its results than the work of intercession. May God's richest blessing be upon each one of you!

—Elizabeth Thurrott.

Progress in New Westminster

New Westminster, B.C.

DURING the last two months a number of things I had been preparing for were carried out more or less successfully. I spent a lot of time with the C.G.I.T. groups, St. Andrew's Mission Band, and St. Stephen's

Young Women's Guild, helping them carry out some ideas and plans we had worked out together.

Our Mother and Daughter banquet at St. Stephen's was quite a success. We were so pleased to have Mrs. Fowlie as our guest. Her message to the girls and mothers was just the thought needed—a real appeal for families to attend Church together. Forty-four sat down to supper at the pretty tables. The girls had spent several evenings making the favours and decorations, and a profusion of daffodils added beauty to it all.

Mrs. Fowlie's talk gave me the idea of having our leaders and girls hold a Church service, because we always seem to get a good response from the parents for anything like that. The session agreed to our holding an Easter meditation and worship service on Easter Sunday night. As there was no regular minister, nothing special had been planned for Easter. Everything was going nicely when on Saturday evening our young soloist came down with measles. However, we had a hasty practice on Sunday with the whole group, and the girls managed the songs very creditably on such short notice. So many people told us afterwards that it had been a lovely service, and we did have quite a good congregation. The session gave us permission to take the offering, which we turned over to the managers as a contribution from the C.G.I.T.

At the Mission Band Rally at the Provincial meeting each Band was to take some little part in representing some phase of our Society's work. St. Andrew's Band was the one I had most to do with. We planned a little demonstration in word and song, and the young leader and I trained the kiddies for their parts. It was quite an event for the youngsters. An electric car was chartered to bring the Bands into Vancouver from out this way. It happened to be a lovely day and of course the children loved the excitement of the trip.

Following the Provincial came our St. Stephen's Y.W.'s Guild Spring tea. It was their first venture on so large a scale. It turned out to be a delightful affair, though not so well supported as we had hoped it might be by the congregation. The young women have set before them as their objective the redecorating and cleaning of the large church hall and are all working enthusiastically for it. The offering on their missionary study evening is set aside for missions and goes towards their allocation. I am so pleased with the consistent way in which this group of young women are working. They have had four chapters of Dr. Kannawin's book, *Our Church.* Each girl who has led the subject for the evening has made it very worth while for us all, and they feel they are learning a lot that they did not know and should know. They have so many interests, too. Their direct touch with Dr. Savage in the Peace River has made them more keenly alive to the needs of the whole missionary work we do. They have their supply allocation ready to send in, and they have planned a system of talent money they are to accumulate through the summer to add to the fund needed for cleaning the hall.

At their tea they allowed the C.G.I.T. groups to have a candy table, the girls making over $6.00 to add to the Camp Fund. We are going to be able to send two girls to Camp—a Senior and Junior. This has never been done before, and I am hoping it will prove valuable in building up their interest and loyalty for their group work next year. The two who were chosen are thrilled about it, we made it an honour to have been chosen, and we hope it will encourage the others to be more interested and work more seriously next year.

The little folks in St. Andrew's Band are doing well. We are preparing for a Mother's Tea just now. There will be a display of their work, the little toys and things that they have made; and also, each child is going to take some part in the programme they are preparing. Some play the piano, others sing, some say ''a piece''; they all want to do something.

We held a very successful Teachers' Training Course for our Sunday School teachers. I discovered a lady with a wonderful gift for such teaching. She has been active in girls' work and in teaching Bible classes for years both in Vancouver and Calgary. Not all the teachers came, but those who did were enriched and helped. It was the first of its kind they have had. We held the classes two nights a week for two weeks. We shall probably hold other classes next year as they all feel they got so much from this one.

One of my dear shut-in old ladies held a tea in her room to help St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid. She was president herself some years ago. She always wants me to tell her all we are doing for ''the Church'', when I visit her. I had been telling her about the young women undertaking the cleaning of the hall, and about the tea they had had to get money for the purpose. She wondered if there wasn't something she could do to help. Couldn't she give a tea! Did I think the ladies would come? We began to plan one. She had me take charge of the arrangements, and sent me to the next Aid meeting to tell the ladies what she wanted to do and to ask them to come. They were so surprised, and, of course, fell in readily with her idea. The excitement did not hurt her at all. The day came and she had her bed moved to a corner and we served the tea right in her room, the Ladies' Aid President doing the honours for her, while I looked after the general arrangements. She was delighted to have $5.00 to turn over to the Aid afterwards. —*Shirley V. Scott.*

Busy in Saskatoon

I HAVE been over five years in Saskatoon. The previous fall saw the first Western crop failure, but the people were very optimistic and said, ''Next year there will be a crop''. But when five consecutive years followed without crops, the spirits of the people sank gradually lower. However, last year some districts had fairly good crops, gardens were better, some got a little work, and many other things helped to make them a little happier in their homes. True, there are many yet who are in dire need, and often those who say least about their condition are the ones who need help most.

In so far as the supply of clothing has been adequate, I have sent out small bales to these people. Some very appreciative letters have been received.

Last June I organized a Mission Band in Mayfair. They had never had a Mission Band and were so enthusiastic about it that they wanted to meet every week. By September it had grown so large, with such a range of ages, we thought it would be advisable to make two bands, which we did.

The 'teen-age girls of the four Sunday Schools of St. Andrew's Church gather together in one group on Tuesday evenings. This is the Girls' Guild. We might quite easily be organized as a Junior Auxiliary or a Senior Mission Band, as most of our study is of a missionary character.

The three Sunday Schools in connection with St. Andrew's Church reach the Presbyterians living in the outlying districts of the city that are not reached by the Missions. They live so far from the church that it would be necessary to take a car, which they cannot afford, so that their only connection with the Church is through the Sunday School and the visits of the deaconess. I have made over six hundred calls in the homes in these districts, often taking with me clothing to supplement their meagre supply. —*Helen M. Ross.*

New Contacts in Saskatchewan

Regina.

VISITING the Chinese last fall was an interesting experience. The visitation is not yet complete. Several of the places to be visited could not be reached by railroad, or if they had train service, it was only two or three times a week, which would necessitate the visitor staying two days in a place to visit one family. In Saskatoon and Prince Albert most of the women visited were not themselves Chinese, but were married to Chinese men. Without exception, they expressed appreciation of the Church's interest in them. One woman gave names and addresses of friends of hers who were married to Chinese men, and asked the visitor if she would call to see them, too. To the answer, ''Of course I will, if you think they would like me to do so'', she replied, ''Indeed, they will be glad to have some one like you; most folks look down on us''. In making this limited survey, one comes to realize that the Chinese throughout the entire country have a real fellowship amongst themselves. —*L. M. Macarthur.*

Ministering to Those in Need

Winnipeg.

AS I went into the homes and the hospitals, I found that I needed help; and when I made my appeals, whether to the Ladies' Aid or the Young Women's organizations, there was always a quick and enthusiastic response. A family in difficulties, no food in the house, and the Ladies' Aid, fortunately meeting that afternoon, gave me a cheque for $5.00; and not only that, but a good housewife came along with me and selected, to much better advantage than I could, the necessary things, and a few things not so necessary, for a family of nine children. We find another home in the country, just a cot bed and an inch-thick mattress, not enough covers. The story is told and even now when people have given and given, we have a real bed and a mattress, curtains for the windows, blankets and bathrobe, given by various individuals, and quilts from the Ladies' Aid.

We go from the hospitals to the Old Folks' Home, and there we find the old, and those not so old, and occasionally a girl or boy still in their 'teens, yet with some handicap, so that it is the only place where they can be cared for. Many of them are in bed, some able to move from bed to chair; but all so eager to hear something of the great outside; glad sometimes for a Bible verse that cheers or comforts; and sometimes, ''Just listen to my good news''. The Girls' Friendly, composed of girls who are maids in homes, made up boxes of fruit, candy and nuts to send out and show a few people, who would have had little or nothing, that our Church people are caring. —*H. Macdonald.*

Needs Supplied

Hamilton.

VISITS have been made to the sick in homes and institutions, to the distressed, the aged, the shut-ins, the sorrowing and lonely. Hundreds of garments for all ages, blankets, quilts, furniture, dishes, toys, books, groceries, food, flowers and fruit have been distributed from time to time.

Many prayers have been answered for these necessities and they have been supplied. So often the need and the supply come close together. I received two dollars one day through the mail. That night at prayer-meeting a woman confided in me she never carried a purse, for she hadn't known what it was to have even a copper for nearly three years. The Lord knows when I come in contact with such needy cases and often supplies me beforehand.

Another day I received a parcel of bedding and baby clothes. I was asked to visit a family that afternoon and learned that the mother and children had to cover themselves with their coats at night, and they were light spring coats. Everything I had in the parcel was required in that home. —*M. M. Allan.*

Visiting in the Peace River District

Wanham.

THERE have been many answers to prayer, one being that another worker has been sent in, Rev. W. L. Atkinson. So we hope to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes . . . . We have decided to hold Sunday School and service once a month at Fox Creek, 23 miles east of here. Then we hope to open up the other two points beyond Prestville, so that eventually that will become one field.

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On March 30th a friend and I went by freight to Rahab where a young man met us and drove us seven miles to Fox Creek. I spoke to the children in the school during the afternoon, and made one visit to a home where there is an invalid. In the evening we held a short service and showed the lantern slides at the close. There were sixty adults and children present. Several thanked us for coming and asked if we would come again . . . . On April 30th I drove Mr. Atkinson down by team and Bennett buggy. It took us five hours as the roads were so rough and we had several mud-holes to go through. On the way I met Mrs. Sanoscki, one of our members from here who left lately for Fox Creek. She was glad to see us and told me the children cried every Sunday for Wanham and the Sunday School. I had my portable organ and it was a great source of interest to the children at the school, one girl saying, ''I am coming back to hear more of that organ.'' I asked the school children if they would like Sunday School once a month and every hand went up. Little Mary Sanoscki asked if I'd hear her memory work, and she repeated two hymns and Psalm 100; so she is not forgetting her Bible and what she learned in Wanham. I made one visit, walking through deep mud and water. The roads were very bad, so we were not surprised that only 18 attended our service, which was conducted by Mr. Atkinson.

I am driving with my own team again and it is much better. I can stay out at the various points and get more visiting done. We have covered about 700 miles, conducting Sunday School services, Mission Bands and visiting. Leaving Westvale one Monday morning, we drove around our host's fields and saw his boys ploughing and harrowing with oxen and horses. There are four young men in that family; they are the finest type of settler, hardworking, interested in the things of God, and never miss a Sunday at church. Driving about two miles, we call on a family where the daughter is recovering from an operation. She tells the experience of getting to Grande Prairie Hospital. They left home at 7 a.m., and drove by team to Wanham, 16 miles. One of our merchants offered to take her by car, but going through the Saddle Mountains, got stuck in a deep snowdrift, and no help in sight. Later a team with loaded sleigh came along. The driver threw out the lumber and took the girl to Sexsmith. Our merchant had managed to dig himself out of the snow, went back to Roycroft, telephoned Sexsmith to have a team ready to take them on to the hospital; so, by changing teams, they made the trip as quickly as possible, arriving at 8 p.m. when the operation was performed successfully, after a trip of about 85 miles. As the mother said, ''Only God kept them through that day.''

The next home was that of a widower who was out in the fields with his three little children. The mother died three years ago and he has cared for them since. Again God is his Refuge and Strength. Driving another mile we come to a little log house just newly built. It is right in the bush, only enough having been cleared to build the house, but the mother, father and two little ones are quite happy in the making of a home. Two miles further we come to another family where two of our Mission Banders live. They have 4½ miles to go to school over very bad roads, and so they do not get very often to Sunday School and Church . . . . Please remember those who live such lonely lives, that they may come to know Him who alone can bring joy and happiness to them.

—*Margaret Grigor.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

STUDY CHARTS ON INDIA

THE two charts on India are ready, and for convenience when ordering they are numbered Study One and Study Two. It is your Secretary's hope that many groups will use both charts, making a two years' study of India. In the preparation of the charts we have come to realize the impossibility of knowing India even slightly in one short study. The following outline of the two charts may be of help when making your choice of the two, or deciding whether to use both and which to use first.

The title of Study One is ''Months in India'', and it will cover six meetings. Our own work in India is arranged in such a way as to come in all through the study rather than at the end. The various themes for the meetings are: The Land of Mystery; The Gods of India; West Goes East; The Light is Dawning; India's Childhood and Womanhood; Stories from India. All the reference material for the papers dealing with these themes is purchased with the charts and the chart tells exactly where in the books to find your material and also suggests salient points which might be brought out in the papers. The cost of material for Study One will be approximately $1.75. The books used make fascinating reading and should be of value for libraries when the study has been completed.

The title of Study Two is ''Trying to Understand India''. This study is not arranged in meetings, but is set up in six different themes. The object is to reduce to the minimum your search for material and at the same time call for initiative and originality on the part of those preparing the papers. The themes are: India's Heritage; A Waking India; India's Struggle for Nationhood; Here and There India Hears God Calling; Ye Shall be Witnesses unto Me; Our Missionaries Come to Town. The material for this study will bring to you several viewpoints from outstanding Occidentals and Indians. Your own missionaries speak to you and give you graphic pictures of their problems and work. The approximate cost of material for this study will be $3.00. This may seem an expensive study, and compared with some of the others it is, but here we are trying to get at the mind of India and more expensive books are required. Your Publications Department is giving them to us practically at cost. For those who seriously want to know what is taking place in India to-day, some of the causes of what is taking place, and who desire a sympathetic and intelligent approach to that people we are sure that you will find this material a real education. After all, $3.00 is an inexpensive glimpse into the mind of India. More and more we realize that the ''sending countries'' in this missionary enterprise must be better acquainted with the people to whom we ''send'', and if there is a country in the world requiring understanding on the part of Britishers, surely that country is India.

These charts on India are offered with some reluctance because of their obvious inadequacy. India is too contradictory, too complex, too mysterious for one mind to choose with fairness and any degree of adequacy a study on her. The charts in no way represent the opinion or opinions of your Secretary. They have been prepared with material chosen from accredited writers in an attempt to bring to you several points of view and with the hope that you will refrain from sharp conclusions about India, with one exception. We trust that the study will bring us all to one conclusion—that Christ, and Christ alone, is the answer to the restlessness, hunger, and longing in the minds and hearts of the Indian people.

Address communications about the studies to Mrs. J. D. Holman, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto. Send for the charts at once and look them over. When sending cheques or money orders for material in connection with Study Charts for young women, make them out as follows: ''to the order of the Publications Department, Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society''.

The Study Charts on China, Japan, and Canada are still available.

—*Laura K. Pelton.*

Love, hope, fear, faith — these make humanity;
These are its sign and note and character.—Browning.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

HERE it is October already. How the summer days have flown! Already the days are getting shorter and disturbing thoughts of winter are crowding in upon us. We are, I trust, thinking of our meetings and our programmes for the coming session.

I wonder how many of our girls will bring, as a contribution to their group, the new ideas which were discovered during the holiday period. We should all have some new experience, or new thought. These will die unless they are shared, so tell what you have found this summer to the other members of your group. I should be glad to hear of them, too, if any of you care to write to me.

During the course of my reading this summer, I came across a magazine which is new to me. It is called *Greatheart* and is the Church of Scotland Magazine for Boys and Girls. I found in the pages of this splendid paper letters from the members of an order which I have seen nowhere else. It is called ''The Great-Heart Order of World Friendship''. The title intrigued me and I read further. It was all very interesting and I am taking the liberty of quoting the rules of this order.

The motto is: ''Through Friendship We Serve'', and the rules:—

1. By making up our minds while we are boys and girls to feel friendly towards children everywhere, so that as we grow World Friendship grows with us; and by asking our friends to join.
2. By finding out all we can about people of other lands, and showing kindness to them and to strangers.
3. By writing a letter once a year to the chief telling some interesting facts or story about boys and girls, men or women, of other countries.
4. By taking an interest in the League of Nations and by asking God that it may help to bring World Friendship.
5. By being loyal to our Church and taking an interest in our missionaries, and perhaps finding out ways through which we may help them.

I thrilled to the thought that in Scotland boys and girls were being taught the importance of friendship, for our old world needs more of the spirit of friendship to-day than ever. Many a weary heart ready to give up has been saved by just a friendly word, and in our land there are many lonely people who are aching to have a friend and cannot find one.

Could we not, this year, carry into our lives and into the life of our group this spirit of friendliness? That girl in the next block to you, do you know her? Did you ever try to get to know her? Perhaps all she needs is just that kindly word from you to give her new hope and encouragement. Friendship removes fear and our experts tell us that fear is the cause of rearmament. If we can do something in our own neighbourhood to cultivate friendship and remove fear, then we are making our contribution.

Study these rules. Loyalty is stressed, as well as friendship, and knowledge of the missionary work of the Church of Scotland. Could we adopt these rules for our lives and help make life easier for some soul lonely or distressed, and thus fulfil in our own lives the teaching of Christ our Master who was Himself the "Friend of All"?

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

A FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY PARTY*

IT was the morning of the first of June in Osaka, Japan. Little Japanese and Korean children were coming from all directions to Tennoji Park. Ko-i-chan and his little sister Cho, standing by the side of the street, watched the laughing, happy groups of boys and girls. As Ko-i-chan did not know why all the children were going to the park, he turned to his sister and said, "Come, Cho, let us follow these children and see why they are going to Tennoji Park; perhaps it is some new festival for children". They followed the others, but felt very much alone, for the other children were in groups, each group in charge of an older person, and some of the "grown-ups" were foreigners.

When they arrived at the Park about 2,000 children were gathered there. Ko-i-chan and Cho could see that it was almost time for the programme to begin, for some "grown-ups", both Japanese and foreigners, were on the platform. They had only a minute to wait when the orchestra began to play the Japanese national anthem and everybody sang. Ko-i-chan and Cho sang, too, and felt quite happy because they could sing with the others. Then a Japanese teacher stepped up before a microphone and spoke for a minute or two. Cho turned to Ko-i-chan and said, "This must be a very important festival if the programme is being broadcast for everybody in Japan, and perhaps Formosa and China can hear what is being said". Ko-i-chan whispered to her to be quiet, for now two little Japanese children were stepping up to the microphone. They told the radio audience that fifty years ago the first Christian kindergarten was started in Japan, and that to-day the Christian children were celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of that day. Following this, all present joined in a hymn and then a little boy offered a beautiful prayer. Ko-i-chan and Cho listened in silence. It was the first Christian hymn or prayer they had ever heard.

When the worship service was over the programme continued with songs, drills and orchestra music, the instruments mostly tambourines and drums. Then a group of fourteen Korean children sang a stanza of ''Jesus Loves Me'' and a little Korean song about ''Mother and Father''. Ko-i-chan asked a little Japanese boy beside him who the Korean children were. The boy told him they were pupils of one of the kindergartens of the Canadian Presbyterian Church and the Canadian lady with them was Miss MacLean. When the time was up the radio was disconnected, but there were several more songs and then a Japanese teacher told the children a splendid story.

The programme over, everybody settled in groups for lunch, for afterwards they were to go sightseeing around the Park and the Zoo. As Ko-i-chan and Cho were walking away, for they did not belong to any kindergarten, one of the teachers asked them if they would like to stay. They said they could not for their mother did not know where they were, but could they come to kindergarten and hear the stories and learn the hymns the other girls and boys knew. ''We should love to have you,'' said the teacher, and Ko-i-chan and Cho ran home to tell their mother all about the wonderful birthday party the Christian kindergarten children were having.

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* This story is based on Miss Jean MacLean's account of the celebration in Osaka, on June 1st, 1936, of the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the first Christian kindergarten in Japan.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY.

Knox Church Mission Band, Calgary, under the leadership of Miss C. Muldoon, held their annual concert in June. Mrs. G. Doull, Auxiliary President, presided over an interesting programme. Choruses were rendered by the children; six little girls gave a digest of the work of our pioneer missionaries overseas and of our missionaries at home. A play, ''Have you heard of Jesus?'' was well given by five little girls. To impress more fully our missionary work on the minds of these little ones, a mission-field tea was served to the Band members, with something to eat from four mission fields—brown rice pudding from Manchuria, tasty stew from Formosa, spice cakes from India, and small cups of tea from Japan. On July 4th this live Mission Band closed the term's activities with a picnic at St. George's Island, to which the parents were invited. Small prizes were given to all the children.

EDMONTON P.S.—When returning from a vacation spent at the Coast, Miss M. Grigor, deaconess at Wanham, was entertained at a luncheon by the Executive of the Edmonton Presbyterial. Mrs. N. B. Moors presided. The ladies were pleased to meet Miss Grigor in this informal way and to hear the story of her work in the Peace River country. She spoke of the privations and hardships of many of the people, the kindness and co-operation shown her, and the need for supplies among many of these people who appreciate so graciously the gifts sent to them. One thing which brought great joy in her work was the eagerness shown to attend the Church services and Sunday Schools and the willingness to help in this work at all times.

Calgary P.S.—Knox Church Auxiliary, Calgary, reports success for the first six months of the year. The meetings were well attended and interesting programmes were given. The visit of Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, seemed to bring new inspiration into the Auxiliary and a greater interest has been shown in the work. Preparations are now under way to make the fall term even better than the past.

The Helen Miller Mission Band of Grace Church, Calgary, under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. Caldwell, has a membership of 35. The meetings are held every two weeks, one meeting for work, the other for study. At the work meeting, many novel and useful gifts are made which are sent in the bales going north to the Hospital and School Homes. With the hope of creating among the children a greater interest in the Bible, a systematic study of the New Testament is being made at the study meeting. The children are graded according to age and the parents of those of the primary grade have been asked to co-operate in helping the children to memorize portions of Scripture that are assigned. The older members of the Band are asked to read many Bible stories and to tell in their own words the story of what they have read. At one of the study meetings early in the year, Rev. A. Bright, pastor of the Church, gave an interesting talk on ''The Wonderful Book, the Bible,'' and he has consented to conduct an examination on their Bible knowledge at the end of the year. To encourage this work, prizes will be given for the best answers and the Auxiliary of the Church has expressed to Mrs. Caldwell their willingness to help in any way possible.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—The women of the W.M.S., particularly those in Eastern Canada, may not know or fully appreciate the work being done among the women and children in the Chinese Mission in Vancouver. The closing exercises of the Chinese kindergarten were a revelation to many of those fortunate enough to be present. The work directed by Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Louie and Miss Isabel Bennett was most creditable. Twelve little girls, having reached public school age, were presented with graduation certificates, and they made a striking picture in their black gowns and mortar boards. A programme of drills, choruses and recitations followed, with those taking part wearing fascinating costumes; one in Chinese, prepared by Miss Louie, was particularly good. The Rev. D. A. Smith presided and Rev. Mr. Leung took part, while Mrs. D. A. Fowlie gave the principal address. This school earlier in the year won the Mission Band banner, against keen competition.

Victoria P.S.—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, recently held a very successful social at the Japanese gardens, Gorge Park. There was a large attendance and all enjoyed the splendid tea which was presided over by Mrs. Wm. Ellis, in whose hands all the arrangements had been left. She was warmly thanked by those present later in the afternoon. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. J. R. Kennedy and Mrs. M. R. Fuller. After this an interesting address was given by Mrs. McKinnon on ''The Meaning of Stewardship and Tithing''. Mrs. J. P. Dempsey had charge of the offering and Mrs. M. R. Fuller solicited gifts for the Supply allocation.

ONTARIO

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BOLTON Auxiliary, Toronto P.S., celebrated its Golden Jubilee in June. Mrs. Peter Nicol, the first President, was represented by her two daughters, Mrs. S. Sharp and Mrs. T. E. Langford. Charter members seated on the platform were Miss M. Caldwell and Mrs. Robert Steel, Miss J. McDougall being unable to be present. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. S. Sharp and Miss B. Mitchell, a former President. The history of the Auxiliary was read by Miss K. Caldwell, whose mother, Mrs. James Caldwell, was one of the first Vice-Presidents. A service of remembrance was held for those members called to higher service, in whose memory a basket of golden roses was placed on the altar by Mrs. A. Greenwood, daughter of Mrs. A. Burton, a pioneer member. In her address Mrs. Langford pictured storied days of the past, presented a challenge to the present, and an obligation for the future. Mrs. John Williams, daughter of Mrs. George Smith, one of the first Vice-Presidents, brought greetings from the Provincial Board. In memory of the past and with a vision of the future, Mrs. Williams and her sister, Mrs. A. L. Schafer, presented a Junior membership seal to Grace M. Durward, Mrs. Nicol's great grand-daughter. In the candle-lighting ceremony Mrs. R. J. Frampton, who as Miss Mary Bonner was Treasurer in 1888, lighted the first candle symbolizing the organization, Mrs. B. Duff the second bearing testimony to the continued shining of that light, Miss Edith Spears, grand-daughter of Mrs. McKenzie, a charter member, the third giving a vision of that light shining down through the years. Greetings from the Presbyterial were brought by Mrs. Cameron, Toronto, and by past Presidents Mrs. W. W. Craw, Toronto, Mrs. T. MacLachlan, Hamilton, Mrs. E. A. Jaffray and Mrs. Warbrick, Bolton, and from neighbouring Auxiliaries and congregations. Mrs. W. Agar, Nashville, sang the ''Hymn of the Pioneers''.

Hamilton P.S. held a very successful garden party at the home of Mr. E. and Mrs. W. Sinclair. About 300 guests were present, representing many Auxiliaries. Financial returns were most gratifying, over $100 being received.

A sectional meeting at Roebuck, Brockville P.S., with delegates from seven Auxiliaries, brought much inspiration and help to the workers in that section. Mrs. Murphy read a paper on ''Sacrificial Giving'', Mrs. N. Hunter gave a summary of Mrs. Goforth's book, *How God Answers Prayer,* and Mrs. W. D. Turner, Presbyterial President, reported on the work of the Council. Rev. W. Merrilees brought greetings from the Synod.

Orillia Auxiliary, Barrie P.S., celebrated its Golden Jubilee with some 300 members and friends present. Mrs. C. H. Hale and Mrs. B. D. Armstrong, both returned from foreign mission service, led the devotions. The special speaker was Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), who spoke on the work of the Society from its inception to the present day. Dr. Jessie MacBean told of the medical work in China started 101 years ago by Dr. Peter Parker. Other missionary workers present were Miss Hope Wallis, from Africa, Miss Mae Walker, Japan, and Mrs. Fowlie, Hamilton, former deaconess in the congregation. Mrs. W. Storrie, Toronto, represented the Provincial Board, and Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair, Allandale, the Presbyterial. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. W. Scott, of Lynchburg. In Memoriam certificates were presented by Mrs. E. A. Barr, Acton, in memory of her mother, Mrs. John Russell; by Miss Elizabeth McKay, of Honolulu, in memory of Mrs. A. McKay and Mrs. Steer; and by Miss Catherine and Messrs. Douglass and Jack Kerr in memory of Mrs. Robert Kerr. Mrs. M. H. Braden conducted a memorial service for those members who have entered into rest; in their memory beautiful flowers decorated the pulpit. The candle service was in charge of Mrs. J. A. MacInnis; from a taper lighted by Mrs. T. A. Main, the only charter member still in the Auxiliary, four others were lighted, by Mrs. Rumford for the present W.M.S. Auxiliary, Miss Ruth Ralston, President of the ''Farther Lights'', Miss Doris Aspinal, President of the ''Good Companions'', and Jean Beaton, of the Bright Sunbeams Mission Band, the members of which sang ''You in your small corner and I in mine''.

These candles were in turn passed to Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair for the Presbyterial, to Mrs. Storrie for the Provincial, and to Mrs. McLennan for the Council. Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Convener of the Historical Committee, presented Jubilee booklets to the Presidents of these branches of the Society. Greetings were received from many former members and friends. Tea was served, a three-storey birthday cake being cut by Mrs. E. B. Alport and Mrs. R. S. Stratton. Photographs of former executives and prominent workers were on display, and an autograph quilt made in 1899 with one hundred names was examined with much interest.

Over 100 Mission Band members gathered at a rally in Mount Forest, Saugeen P.S. Speakers were Rev. D. Gowdy, Durham, Rev. N. G. Court, Holstein, Mr. Butcher, Mount Forest, and Mrs. John Marshall, Presbyterial President. The Durham Band was awarded a gold star, Drayton a silver star, and Arthur a blue star. Durham also carried off the large Honour Roll card for first place.

The first sectional meeting in Kingston Presbyterial was held in Gananoque with a large attendance of delegates and friends. Miss Cameron, of Camden East, presided. Short talks on W.M.S. work were given by Mrs. A. G. Cameron, Deseronto, and Miss Druce, Kingston, and an address on ''China and Chinese Work in Canada'' by Mrs. F. P. Smith, Kingston. Rev. C. E. Kidd assisted in the service. Afterwards a basket picnic was enjoyed, Miss Mowat claiming the privilege of thanking the ladies, since Gananoque was the place of her birth and St. Andrew's her first Church home. In 1877 Miss Mowat's mother came from Kingston to organize St. Andrew's W.F.M.S.; next year they will celebrate their 60th anniversary.

At a conference of Stratford P.S. in St. Mary's, all Auxiliaries were represented. A questionnaire on the ''Structure of the W.M.S.'' proved instructive, bringing out many valuable points. A broadcast by Miss Tier on ''W.M.S. Work from East to West'' also created new enthusiasm for the work.

Sectional meetings in Sarnia P.S. were held at Centre Road, Camlachie, Napier, and Mooretown. Mrs. J. D. Holman, Toronto, addressed each section. Mrs. J. P. McEwen spoke on the work of the Provincial Society. St. Andrew's Y.W. Auxiliary, Sarnia, presented a Life Membership to Miss Bessie Galbraith, an esteemed member. St. James Mission Band, Forest, at their June meeting, presented a programme of music, readings and a missionary pageant. Mrs. Adams, the guest speaker, told many interesting stories of mission work in Venezuela.

QUEBEC

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THE Quebec Presbyterial held its annual meeting on June 25th in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke. Owing to the illness of the President, Mrs. W. R. Price, Mrs. O. R. Campbell, of Montreal, presided. Morning devotions were led by Mrs. Allister Murray, of Sherbrooke. After the departmental reports had been discussed the morning session was concluded with a very helpful address by Mrs. J. D. Holman, Toronto, Young Women's Secretary. The St. Andrew's ladies served luncheon to the delegates. Members of Melbourne Auxiliary conducted the afternoon devotional period after which some time was spent in discussing the problems most vital to the work of this Presbyterial. Miss MacKinnon, of Inverness, then gave her very inspiring ''Interpretation of the Book of Ruth'', which sent many home to reread this book with a new understanding. The Rev. J. L. Hughes, of Melbourne, closed the meeting. The Presbyterial was pleased to have present several members of Montreal Presbyterial who made helpful contributions to the discussions. As the ladies were going downstairs for tea one delegate was overheard to remark, ''Well, it is going to be hard to come down to ordinary living after a day like this''. These words fittingly expressed the feelings of all present.

SASKATCHEWAN

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IT was with regret that the Sub-executive of the Provincial Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. George McTavish, who for many years has faithfully and promptly performed the duties of Life Membership Secretary of the Provincial Society. Mrs. McTavish has been a member of the Provincial Board in some capacity since 1925, when as Corresponding Secretary she was of great assistance in the work of reorganization which was necessary at that time. Mrs. H. A. Staveley, Weyburn, formerly President of Moose Jaw Presbyterial, has been appointed Provincial Life Membership Secretary to succeed Mrs. McTavish.

Saskatoon P.S.—The Sub-executive of Saskatoon Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, on June 27th. The Supply Secretary reported that all Auxiliaries had accepted their allocations. The President, Mrs. P. B. Edwards, gave a very interesting account of the Council meeting.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, entertained the Dr. Robertson Auxiliary. The meeting was held at the Presbyterian Residence, with thirty-five present. Mrs. Sibbald was in charge. Mrs. W. G. Brown read a number of letters from some of our missionaries. Supper was served on the lawn. St. Andrew's Auxiliary presented Miss E. M. Geddes, Superintendent of the Presbyterian Residence, with a W.M.S. Life Membership in appreciation of her faithful work not only in the W.M.S. but with the young women of the Residence.

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July 31st, 1936

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Refund on Council Expense	61.95
Refund on South Porcupine Hospital	209.00
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Manitoba	335.00
Ontario	6,138.87
Quebec	2,500.00
Saskatchewan	450.00
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Canora	$ 808.32
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Chinese in Canada	1,518.15
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Presbyterian Residences:	
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New Liskeard	335.66
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Vegreville	211.64
Welcome and Welfare	2,489.05
Publications	854.44
Organization	525.00
Library	6.74
Pensions	293.32
Miscellaneous	35.73
Supplies	217.62
Candidate	23.00
India, Bhil Field	230.00
Jhansi Field	20.00
Formosa	3,324.96
Japan	1,455.00
Exchange	7.91
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A Prayer

Prepare us, Lord, for peace and not for strife,
Not cold, grim death, but joy and radiant life;
Forbid the slaughter of our valiant youth,
Bid greed and hatred cease, let love and truth
Unfettered, reign on earth for evermore—
Prepare us, Lord, for Peace and not for War.
—Willa Hoey.

Editorial

Dr. Jonathan Goforth

JUST as we go to press word has been received of the sudden death of Rev. Jonathan Goforth, D.D. The sympathy of all members of the Society, as of the Church, will go out to Mrs. Goforth and her family. An account of Dr. Goforth's life and work will be published in our next issue.

An Interesting Development in Formosa

THE decision of the Board of Missions and the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) to give over to the Government their secondary schools —the Middle School for Boys and the Girls' High School—in Tamsui, Formosa, marks a forward movement in mission work in that country. Founded because of the lack of educational facilities in the early days, the schools were pioneers in this field, rendering a service of which the people have been most ready to express appreciation and with which the Government has shown the heartiest sympathy. The situation in regard to secular education at the present time, however, is in striking contrast to that in the pioneer days in which the Christian schools were founded and developed. The primary purpose of the Church in Formosa is not to give an advanced secular education, and the time has gone when it had to lead in that field; the foundations have been well laid,—responsibility has now passed to the Government, with whose excellent system of education, with fine, up-to-date buildings, modern equipment, and well trained teachers, it would be impossible to compete, even if it were desirable. The joint Boards, therefore, gladly offered to give the two schools, with the gymnasiums, to the Government and to arrange for the sale of part of the land. The Government recognizes the value of the service rendered. ''The Governor has great respect for the past efforts of Mr. Mackay and other missionaries in their contribution toward education in the two schools, and if the Mission wishes to put in some memorial to those who have served in the schools or to the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, he would be glad to agree, if the suggestion were not contrary to the Government's principles. 'You have so many graduates,' he said, 'therefore, out of deep consideration for them I will keep the school as an Alma Mater for ever.' '' In giving up this part of the educational work, the Boards are deeply grateful that for fifty-three years they have had the opportunity of training so many of the young people of North Formosa. Henceforth, the missionaries will be free to devote themselves to the work for which the mission is carried on—teaching the Gospel, and training native workers for that work. While the Government does not permit religious training in the secular schools, it does allow freedom for all religious teaching outside.

Mrs. Donald MacGillivray

A VERY welcome visitor to the Council Executive meeting on September 29th was Mrs. Donald MacGillivray, of the Christian Literature Society of China. Coming home to retire after a severe illness, Mrs. MacGillivray was hardly back in Canada when she felt that she could not, after all, withdraw from the work in which Dr. MacGillivray and she served for thirty-six years; no one else could go, and the staff is too small to be left. She, therefore, intends to return to Shanghai. Going to North Honan in 1900, she soon began the work that has made her the children's friend, and in 1915 she became the editor of the first child's magazine in China, *Happy Childhood.* Since Dr. MacGillivray's death she has continued the work in Shanghai with the Christian Literature Society. Expressing their appreciation of the Board's doubling the grant for that work this year when on every hand one heard only of cuts and withdrawals, she reminded the members that Christian Literature is needed to-day as never before in China because of the great force of the secular press and the growing Chinese Church. For religious training and for Theological Colleges more books and more advanced books are constantly needed. The Society rejoices that the Chinese are beginning to write themselves,—last year it printed eighty books by Chinese. There are seven Chinese young women in the Shanghai office and the present editor of the Women's magazine is a Chinese woman. Next year the Society is to celebrate its Jubilee, and Mrs. MacGillivray suggested that a special Jubilee gift, if one were contemplated, would be the publication of some of the books written by a young Chinese woman on the staff who is doing a wonderful work for Christian Literature in China.

Mrs. Thomson's Resignation

IT was with profound regret that the Council Executive had to accept the resignation of Mrs. John Thomson as a member of the Board, because of continued ill-health. A constant inspiration to the other members, Mrs. Thomson assisted greatly in the carrying on of the Society's business. Her long experience as a member of the executive of the Eastern Division made her a valuable member of a Missionary Board. We trust that ere long she may be restored to good health.

Changes in Deaconess Work

BY a decision of the Council Executive, changes have been made in the deaconess work in the West. In answer to the urgent appeal for a deaconess in Southern Alberta, Miss Frieda Matthews has been transferred from Red Deer to Lethbridge, to work in the Presbytery of Macleod; while Miss Hazel Macdonald has gone from Winnipeg to take Miss Matthews' place in the Red Deer district.

In Memory of Miss Soutar

THE Council Executive availed itself of the opportunity afforded by Dr. Winchester's going to India to send out a brass plate to be placed in the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home, at Amkhut. The plate bears the following inscription:

> "The lighting in this Home was given by loving friends in memory of Mildred E. Soutar, R.N., missionary nurse, who died on the 18th of November, 1933, after three years of devoted service.
> 'The Miss Sahib's light never went out.' "

A Chinese Student

OUR readers will be interested to know that Miss Pansy Yeung, of Vancouver, having fully matriculated and having spent a year at the Bible College in Vancouver, has entered the University of Toronto as a first year Arts student. Miss Yeung is a daughter of Rev. K. H. Yeung of the Chinese Mission in Vancouver and a sister of Miss Lily Yeung of the Chinese Mission in Toronto. She hopes to teach, but expects to give some service to the Women's Missionary Society, which is helping with her University education. While in Toronto she is living at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

Home Helpers

AS 1937 will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the Home Helpers Department as such, the following resolution was passed at the Council Meeting in May: *That all branches be asked to feature the*

Home Helpers Department in some special way with a view to increasing the membership.

To assist branches of the Society to put this resolution into effect, the December *Glad Tidings* will contain articles on the work of the Home Helpers Department and probably suggestions for advancing it in 1937.

Welcome and Welfare

A REAL service could be rendered by Welcome and Welfare Secretaries, if knowing of any Presbyterian patients, men or women, going from their communities to hospitals in Toronto, they would notify the W.M.S. Hospital Visitor, Miss Mary Murray, Apartment 1, Spruce Court, Spruce Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Death of Mrs. Chisholm

WORD has been received of the death on September 23rd at Halifax of Mrs. Chisholm, of Moose River, Nova Scotia, the mother of Miss Ethel M. Chisholm who recently resigned as a nurse in the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa. The sincere sympathy of all our members goes out to Miss Chisholm.

Miss Hermanson, Superintendent

FOLLOWING Miss Chisholm's resignation, the North Formosa Council has appointed Miss Hildur Hermanson Superintendent of Nurses in the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku. Miss Hermanson, who joined the staff in 1931, has been acting Superintendent since Miss Chisholm returned to Canada on furlough.

A Regretted Omission

WE regret very much that a change which should have been made in the Provincial By-law relating to the Nominating Committee for British Columbia was not made in the 1935 Annual Report (page 224). Those interested will find the amended By-law immediately after the British Columbia News in this issue.

The Glad Tidings

NOVEMBER is a busy month for *Glad Tidings* Secretaries: subscriptions have to be renewed and new ones secured, so that the lists for 1937 may be prepared and sent in on time, to ensure all subscribers getting the January number without delay.

This year a special effort has been made to increase the circulation of the magazine, as a memorial to the life and work of Miss Fraser. While the objective has not been reached, there has been an encouraging increase in the number of paid subscriptions, making the total, on October 7th, 19,876, which, of course, means a circulation of well over 20,000, the highest since 1932. The total increase this year is 2,585, partially offset by a decrease of 980, leaving a net increase of 1,605. It is interesting to note that there have been 252 part-year subscriptions. May we hope that most, if not all, of these will become full subscriptions for 1937? Perhaps no copies of the magazine have meant more this year than those sent to women who could not subscribe themselves, women in our own congregations, or here and there in isolated parts of the country, where they are often cut off from church services. To have some contact with the work, or just to know that they have not been quite forgotten, has put new heart into women who are living lonely, difficult lives.

As the official organ of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), through which members are kept informed of the progress of the work for which they are responsible—as well as of important movements in the whole missionary world—and kept in touch with the workers in Canada and overseas, the *Glad Tidings* should be in the hands of every member of the Society. May every W.M.S. member co-operate heartily with the *Glad Tidings* Secretary in the effort to reach our objective of 25,000!

Problems of Religious Education

AN interesting visitor to Canada recently was Dr. C. S. Miao, of China, Secretary of the National Committee for Christian Religious Education. In Canada in the interests of the World's Sunday School Association, Dr. Miao, one of the world's greatest religious educators, spoke at the Canadian School of Missions on ''Problems of Religious Education in the Orient''. The most important question was that of *leadership,* in all phases of the work. There was, first, the problem of the Bible women and preachers, very few of whom have any conception of what religious education is. They are, therefore, not interested in it. The situation has changed in the last ten years. Formerly, religious education was left to the schools, but by government regulations now there is no religious teaching in primary schools and Junior High Schools, while in High Schools and Universities it is on a voluntary basis. Religious teaching is, therefore, forced back on the homes and the Churches. Christian influence in the schools could do much; Christian teachers should realize that their character counts as much as that of religious teachers.

Fifteen years ago, Dr. Miao said, he thought that a number of religious education directors should be trained to work side by side with the preachers. He has come to see, however, that that is impossible; Churches do well to support a minister, to do more is impossible; but even were there money, he doubts its wisdom. He believes it is best to have ministers and Bible women so trained that they are preachers *and* teachers. The homes have to become the centres of religious nurture; therefore, workers in the Church need to be much better trained, to be preachers to the adults, teachers to the children, friends and companions to the young people; and lay workers must be trained to work with them. Theological training must be improved, but that is not enough. The work cannot be done by a few paid workers; there has to be a great number of well trained lay voluntary workers.

The next problem, Dr. Miao said, was that of the better training of missionaries, in order to make possible better Theological training and better trained workers. In future, he believes the missionary is to have a much higher function, not to be Jack-of-all-trades,—the nationals can be that, he said; but the missionaries should be *trainers of trainers, supervisors* of religious education, by personal conferences and supervision helping the lay workers to make progress. Institutes, short-term and long-term, and summer conferences were needed, but the results would be superficial if not followed up by proper supervision and encouragement where they were working. That work, in Dr. Miao's opinion, should be done by missionaries.

Then there was the problem of co-ordinating the work of Church, school and home. Where there has been religious education in the schools, it stops when boys and girls leave; too often they do not go to Church; and they get nothing of that kind at home. Leaders are now trying to make the work centre about the Church or the home; at the same time maintaining as far as possible the Christian atmosphere in the schools. Religious education, he said, must be linked more closely with evangelism, with better methods, but more emphasis, too, on personal life, Biblical knowledge, Christian spirit. There is a danger in the evangelistic movement in China if religious educators do not work hand in hand with evangelists. Sound knowledge is needed as well as zeal, otherwise people become bewildered, Churches are divided because of petty issues, and, above all, many Church members lose faith and are carried away by propaganda. Hence, the great need of team work,—evangelism and religious education.

A DAILY PRAYER

All through this day, O Lord,
Let me touch as many lives as possible
For Thee.
And every life I touch, do Thou
By Thy Holy Spirit quicken,
Whether through the Word I speak,
The Prayer I breathe,
The Letters I write, or
The Life I live.
In the name of Jesus Christ
Amen.

Can We Do It?

Yes, if we are all United!

MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN

THE year of the Women's Missionary Society is within two and a half months of its close and the Finance Committee of the Council Executive have asked the Treasurer to prepare a short statement that all our membership may be aware how things stand financially and, what is perhaps more important, how we are meeting our pressing needs.

On September 30th, 1936, the receipts from our Provincials were $53,154.48, as compared with $57,287.44 at the same time in 1935, which is a decrease of $4,132.96; while our total receipts to date are $55,600.07 as compared with $60,684.31 at the same time in 1935. So we are in arrears $5,084.24. Our expenditures for the same period in 1936 are $101,803.85 as compared with $112,945.01 in 1935.

The Treasurer has certainly not been oversupplied with money when we have spent $101,803 and received only $55,600.

The decrease in expenditure is due in large measure to decrease in work. The closing of work in Hackett Medical College, South China, the closing of South Porcupine Hospital, the closing of Prince Albert Residence, the cuts in our overseas fields and the lack of extension in our work in place of these, have contributed to this decrease in expenditure. Are we proud of it? Is it a gain?

What of the needs with which we are confronted, youth movements in Formosa, changes of work there and the need for a forward step; movements among all the Churches having work among the Bhils to consolidate and advance, that Dr. Buchanan's watchword may come to pass—A Christian nation in the heart of India; and the great movement among the untouchables in India, one of the greatest things that has happened? Are we to be left out of these great movements? What of that Nurses' Home and the Maternity Ward in Jobat and the enlarged Hostel for our girls in Jhansi? Must they be closed for lack of maintenance? The response and growth of the Korean work in Japan and the work in Manchuria are calling to us. The Church of Christ in China where Mrs. Burkwall has been working at no charge to our Society is calling to us for advance. Great movements are afoot. You women who in days gone by prayed for the open door, what are you going to do about this? The doors are open—is the Church of Christ to enter in or will it stand back and allow these doors to be entered by others only too ready?

In our own land, too, there are open doors. Our Church is advancing and a fine contribution is being made in the Peace River country, but it is vast and the needs are many. The Board of Missions has decided to advance in Northern Ontario and will expect the Women's Missionary Society to help them, and rightly so. The sparsely settled districts in Western Canada present a missionary task never equalled. Deaconesses are needed. If we cannot fulfil our mission, let us find no fault with others who can. But be sure it will be reflected in the future life of Canada.

It is true that the large bulk of our funds comes in from now till the end of the year, but we are anxious, as all our branches will be.

Other missionary organizations in Canada are reporting increases and that they are on the up-grade. Surely our Society is not the only one where the depression still exists.

As Treasurer I have abundant faith in our women, but a warning is necessary. We cannot stand another cut. We have a great heritage. May we prove worthy of it!

Changes in India

IN an address given in September at the Canadian School of Missions, ''Christ at Work in India's Villages'', Bishop J. W. Pickett told something of what he had found in making his survey of the mass movements in India which have been attracting the attention of the whole missionary world.

When missionaries first went to India, Bishop Pickett said, a land with a distinctive social order, radically different from theirs, they wrongly assumed that the Brahmins were to be the pioneers of the Christian Church, that they should, therefore, concentrate on the Brahmins. The Brahmins, however, were conservative, the beneficiaries of the Hindu social order and people of great culture, and while they received the missionaries in a kindly way, they were not willing to respond and give their hearts to Jesus. The missionaries refrained from preaching specially to the poor and depressed, afraid lest the winning of large numbers of them would identify Christianity with the lowest classes in India. When ''untouchables'' came under Christian influence and appealed to the missionaries for instruction, the latter were even disturbed. Primary attention was to be given to the upper classes.

A profound change, however, has taken place. Attention was attracted by the great mass movement in South India, with 270,000 Christians in Travancore, and Dr. Pickett was asked to go down and make a study of it. Although 200,000 Christians there had come from the liquor dealers he could not find a single liquor dealer among them. Eighty-five per cent. of men and boys, and almost as many girls and women, born in Christian homes were literate. The Christian Church, he said, has lifted this community from illiteracy. When work was first begun among these people, their children were considered too stupid and too vicious to be allowed in the schools; now these people are the educators of the community, and run the schools, even Brahmins sending their children to the school run by Christian outcastes. These outcastes were denied entrance to the temples, too, but Bishop Pickett was in one of their Churches, which they had built themselves, an impressive brick building, and a congregation cultured, well-dressed, literate. ''We were poor people,'' they told him, ''before Christ came into our lives.''

Used to working through individuals, missionaries from the West do not always understand to what extent the people of India feel themselves members of a group, responsible to a group. If one talks to a man of Christ, it does not occur to him to become a Christian himself; anything so important is for the whole caste group, and should be talked over and acted on. If missionaries can get in touch with several in a caste group, a request may come for instruction for the group. The best Christians in India, Bishop Pickett stated, have come out of group movements; groups work together as isolated converts cannot do. The Church of Christ is a fellowship and gives support to its members.

There are now 900,000 Christians in the Telugu area. *Worship* has been emphasized among them and it has had a profound effect in the transformation of character, rise in the standard of living, and greater prosperity. It was found that the change was greater where the ritual of the Church service made the illiterate familiar with the great principles of the Christian faith. Non-Christians were impressed, too, as they found that worship had lifted people out of poverty as no direct attack on poverty had done. While people thought themselves Hindu outcastes, they thought themselves of no account, but as Christians, with a mission to Christianize the village, they felt they could do better things themselves. Other people found it no longer possible to continue the former inhibitions and prohibitions. Sons of sweepers actually became pottery makers, making dishes from which others ate!

Referring to the present uprising of the ''untouchables'', Bishop Pickett described Dr. Ambedkar as a great man, one of the great figures in India at present. Not allowed in the school as a boy, he graduated from High School and from the University of Bombay, and has doctor's degrees from Edinburgh, Harvard and Bonn. Going into politics to save his people, he is now a mighty leader, but, Dr. Pickett added, no single man can lead 70,000,000. Two groups in the south have already brought the matter to a decision, in the area of the old Syrian Church. Two and a quarter millions elected delegates to conferences, and they advised the people to become Christians, by a vote of 392 to 6. The Church of Christ, Dr. Pickett said, is overwhelmed with its responsibility.

The most wonderful thing, Bishop Pickett declared, is that the transformation of the outcaste is going to be the means of winning the high castes. Nothing, he said, brings the conviction that makes a high caste man a Christian like the change in the life of the outcaste. Asked why they became Christians, they say it is because they were convinced of Christian truth and because they had seen the effect in the converts in the village. The way of Christ to the heart of India, Dr. Pickett concluded, is through the hearts of the despised and the depressed. In raising them, Christ finds His chance to win the other castes. The underprivileged, having demonstrated the power of Christ, are receiving into their fellowship the members of the higher castes.

The Board of Missions Executive

THE Executive of the Board of Missions met in Toronto on September 15th, 16th and 17th, with the Convener, Rev. A. M. Hill, D.D., in the chair, and members present from all parts of the Dominion.

The Treasurer reported signs of recovery in the givings of the Church, receipts being about $7,000 ahead of those of last year at the same time.

Home Missions

Encouraging reports were given by the Synodical missionaries. Rev. W. M. Mackay, for Manitoba and Northern Ontario, told of excellent work reported by student missionaries and people in Cranberry Portage, where there is no other Protestant Church, in Flin Flon, in Le Pas, which had its best summer's work this year, and Winnipegosis. Elmwood Mission, Winnipeg, where work is carried on by two elders, has a Sunday School of 175, and there is an opening for another unit in the same field, not far from Gonor, Lockport, and East Selkirk. At Lockport Mr. Gunn is doing good work, walking twelve miles every Sunday to reach various groups. In this whole district communistic forces are strong, and for the sake of Canadian civilization as well as the Church attention must be given to it. Through Sunday Schools and summer camps good work is being done among the young. Mr. Mackay told of a young Ukrainian medical student who went to a summer camp, became interested in the Presbyterian Church, and now wishes to be a medical missionary. In Algoma a new field has been opened up at Hawke Junction; the people there are ready to build a church themselves and raise half the cost of material, the Board of Missions agreeing to give as much. The work at Geraldton, in the meantime, is being carried on from Fort Frances, in order that help may be given the new field.

In the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, Dr. A. S. Reid reported every mission field had had a student or an ordained minister. This year, he said, had seen more results than any year since 1925, with more young people becoming members of the Church. The Missionary and Sunday School Conference at Huntingdon had been the finest and largest yet held, with an average attendance of fifty. The Executive heard with sympathy and approval of an interesting new work, not directly under the Church, among French-speaking people in Montreal who are turning to a more intensive study of the Bible.

In Alberta and Saskatchewan, too, Rev. H. R. Horne reported, this summer had seen the best service from students on the fields, resulting in a real forward movement. People are becoming alive to the importance of work in summer schools and camps, which bring to the young people a vision of what the Church means to them and what they mean to the Church. Saskatoon summer school, with an attendance of 105, was followed by smaller schools in other centres. Successful camps had been held, too, for 60 girls, one in the Brownvale district under Miss Todd and Miss Madill. At Fort St. John, where Mr. Peddie is doing good work, the people voted unanimously to begin building a church, doing most of the work themselves if some help could be given them, help which the Board agreed to give. At Wanham Mr. Horne had been impressed by the wonderful hold which Miss Grigor and Mr. Atkinson had on the field and the high regard in which they were held. They were anxious to extend the field to take in two or three points to the west. It was evident, he said, that work had grown so in the Dixonville district that it was impossible for one person to do the medical and missionary work as Dr. Savage has done. Assistance is to be given her for medical work. He found a fine feeling for service in the district about Brownvale, where Miss Todd and Miss Madill are working well, the latter being in great demand for nursing. The fine crops in the Peace River country had given the people new courage and a desire to help others.

The deputation appointed by the Board of Missions to visit Northern Ontario, in their report, recommended that an ordained minister should be appointed to Kirkland Lake at once. A deaconess could, they felt, render valuable assistance in this northern country. The Board received the report and agreed that a minister be sent to Kirkland Lake.

In British Columbia, where there is no work under our Church in any place north of the C.P.R., except at Prince Rupert, a survey is to be made, following the request of the Synod of British Columbia. Rev. Grant Hollingworth, of Prince Rupert, was to be appointed for one year to make such a survey.

Overseas Work

In Manchuria a suitable site had been secured for a compound. The South Manchurian Railway has leased this land to the Presbyterian Church for 99 years, an unusual courtesy much appreciated by the Church. Three bungalows are being built, one of them for W.M.S. missionaries. Dr. Goforth who has been at home this year, retired on September 1st, after many years of service in China and Manchuria.

Rev. James Dunn and Mrs. Dunn were enjoying the strenuous work in which they were already engaged in British Guiana. Dr. Cropper had retired and other workers would be required for that field.

After careful consideration it had been decided to offer the Girls' School and the Middle School for Boys in Tamsui, Formosa, to the Government with certain land reservations. This action of the sub-executive was sustained. Dr. W. R. Quinn, appointed to the Mackay Memorial Hospital, at Taihoku, was preparing for the British Medical Council examinations, which are necessary for practice in the Japanese Empire. Rev. J. D. Wilkie and his family are at home on furlough, and Dr. and Mrs. Stevens are coming.

It was agreed that a man should be sent out to work with Mr. Hawtin at Jhansi and take his place when he came on furlough. The Executive endorsed the action of the W.M.S. in appointing Dr. Winchester for medical service in Jobat, where she would be of great help. Sending her, of course, does not in any way relieve the Board of Missions of its responsibility for medical work there. Dr. Buchanan had written, calling attention to the mass movement of the Bhils to Christianity. He asked for permission to retire at the end of his furlough which he will take next year. Rev. A. A. Lowther, of Jhansi, and Rev. C. L. and Mrs. Wood, of Alirajpur, are in Canada on furlough.

Mr. Lowther spoke to the Executive on the work in India, first expressing, on behalf of the Jhansi Council, gratitude to the Board and to the Church. The Church, as a whole, he said, needs to re-think its attitude towards missions. Introduced more than fifty years ago, missions were now at the testing time. There are 6,000,000 Christians in India (2,000,000 Roman Catholic) in a population of 350,000,000, enough Christians to attract the attention of non-Christians. Brahmins realize now the danger in Christianity, that it is cutting away the very roots of Hinduism. First, it is necessary to master the facts of the situation as it is now, *not* the facts of fifty years ago. People are vitally and intently interested in actual facts, and naturally interested in India, a sister part of the Empire. Jhansi is in the very heart of India, until recently remote from the railway, the last section of India, except the hill districts, to be touched by British civilization. Progress has been slow, but the spread of education is making the people more ready to receive Christianity. Jhansi has gradually become an institutional mission; therefore, it is harder to build up an indigenous Church, but it was serving a wider area. The great mass movements in India offer a great opportunity to the Christian Church. In parts, they have been successful, but have *always,* Mr. Lowther emphasized, taken place after long years of apparently fruitless work. The Christian Church in India was growing faster than ever before, has doubled its members in 20 years, trebled them in 50. While the population has increased 10 per cent. the number of Christians has increased 30 per cent., 10,000 Hindus every month turning to Christianity.

Farewell to Dr. Winchester

ON September 25th Dr. Effie D. Winchester left Montreal on the *Duchess of Atholl* for India, to serve as a medical missionary under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The youngest daughter of Rev. A. B. Winchester, D.D., and Mrs. Winchester, of Toronto, Dr. Winchester belongs to a family of strong missionary traditions. Her grandfather, Rev. J. M. Douglas, was, with Dr. Campbell, appointed to Central India in 1876, the first two foreign missionaries appointed after the union of the Presbyterian Churches in 1875. Other members of her family have also given missionary service in Canada and overseas. She herself has for long been keenly interested in missions. During her University course she was active in the Student Christian Movement, and in 1932 was sent by the Women's Missionary Society as a delegate to the Student Volunteer Movement Convention in Buffalo. For some years Dr. Winchester has looked forward to overseas mission work. Although she could not, on account of her health, be accepted for service a few years ago, she persisted in her desire to serve overseas, and now her offer of service has been gladly accepted.

Dr. Effie Winchester

Dr. Winchester is a graduate (1932) in medicine of the University of Toronto and has done postgraduate work in Pædiatrics and Obstetrics at the Women's Hospital in Philadelphia, training which makes her specially fitted for service in Jobat Hospital with its new maternity ward.

On September 16th a farewell service was held in Knox Church, Toronto, with Rev. J. G. Inkster, D.D., in the chair. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary for India, expressed the gratitude of the Women's Missionary Society that Dr. Winchester had offered herself for a term of service and their desire to do everything possible by their prayers, sympathy and support to make her stay in India what she would like it to be. On behalf of the Provincial Society, Mrs. J. A. Hilts wished Dr. Winchester every success in work whose very difficulties meant new opportunities. From the Board of Missions Executive, then in session, and from the missionaries on the field, Rev. A. A. Lowther brought greetings, congratulating Dr. Winchester on her choice of work and the congregation of Knox Church that one of its members had so chosen. Emphasizing the need for missionaries of the highest possible training, Mr. Lowther was glad of Dr. Winchester's excellent qualifications, for India demands high standing, and untrained leaders, without a thorough grasp of Christian faith, could do great harm in the new Church. With the tremendous need for medical work, she would, he said, find scope for all the ability and skill she could bring. Representatives of the various organizations of Knox Church expressed their good wishes in gifts as well as words. Dr. Winchester, after thanking them all, said that she was glad to go to India, to use her medical skill to relieve suffering, thus showing the love of Christ in action. The service was closed by prayer by Rev. Dr. Winchester.

The evening service of Morningside Church on September 20th was also, in part, a farewell to Dr. Winchester, who had been active in the Sunday School there.

At their meeting of September 22nd, the President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, on behalf of the Council Executive, expressed to Dr. Winchester their gratitude, as they pledged loyalty to her for themselves and for all the women, young women, girls and children of the W.M.S., and wished her joy in the work she had long wished to do.

Bales for the Mission Fields

INFORMATION has been received from several sources that conditions in the Peace River District are so favourable this year that the usual supplies of clothing will not be needed. More supplies than are needed at any point impose a burden on the persons who have charge of the distribution. Space for storage has to be provided, also protection from moths.

The following resolution was passed at the meeting of the Peace River Presbytery:

> The Presbytery of Peace River desires to thank the Church in the East, and all kind donors of clothing, etc., for their splendid help in years past. This year, on account of the promise of a splendid harvest, the Presbytery feels that this district will not require the same amount of clothing as in previous years, and therefore would request that **those desirous of helping in any way should do so only through the regular channel of the W.M.S. of the Church in Toronto of which Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, 154 High Park Avenue, is convener.** They also express the hope that those districts in the Prairie Provinces which have suffered again this year will not be overlooked.

The attitude of the Presbytery is supported by this extract from a letter from Dr. E. Margaret Savage:

> We are reaping a bountiful harvest and the people in general are going to benefit very much financially from the better prices and good crops. Most of the crop is cut and now in the stook—some of it is already threshed, so at this time I feel fairly safe in assuming a much easier winter for the people in general.
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> There will be tremendous need of relief on the prairies, and we

> all feel that such supplies as are available should go there where they will fill a greater need. So for this Mission I **would enter no request at all for supplies this year but an earnest wish that they be sent elsewhere.** Already I have received a number of parcels from private parties or church organizations working independently of their Presbyterial allocations. These I am acknowledging and unless they become too numerous will keep them on hand to supply a few really needy cases that will be sure to come up. But might I suggest (since I cannot possibly guess everyone who is contemplating a bale to Dixonville) that you intimate to the Church workers at large, through the *Glad Tidings* and the *Record* and any other useful channels that we do not want bales this year.

Miss Grigor, too, writes from Wanham on the same subject:

> A matter brought up at Presbytery was the matter of relief clothing. It was the mind of the meeting that the need for relief clothing being sent in to Peace River District had ceased. The people here are looking forward to a most bountiful harvest and there are other parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan where the need is greater. I think that is a very good suggestion. The people here have appreciated the help given by our Church but many want to get away from this charity business, as some call it. Of course, there will be the few who need to be cared for. I cited the case of a widower who has cared for his three motherless little children himself. The oldest is ready to go to school and he had managed to get a horse for him—he has four miles to go to school—but he didn't know how he was going to clothe him. But there is not the need for those large bales coming in. Christmas things will still be acceptable for our offerings are not very large yet. Later on we hope to buy our own.

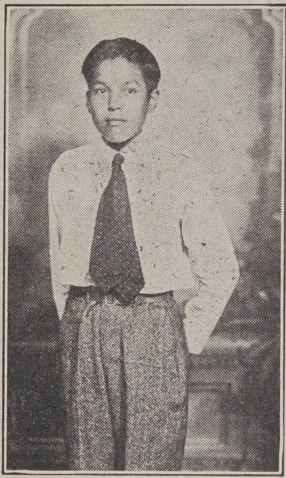
From the Prairie Provinces, however, comes the information that the need there is as great, if not greater, than in recent years. This means that there should be no slackening of effort on the part of our members to provide the necessary supplies. Many points in Northern Ontario will also require supplies of clothing.

The Synodical missionaries provide the Council Supply Secretary with the addresses of mission fields to which bales should be shipped. These addresses will be forwarded through Provincial Supply Secretaries to Presbyterial Supply Secretaries in due time. It is earnestly requested that all our organizations will refrain from sending bales to addresses other than those forwarded to them through the regular supply channels.

The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways are again granting free transportation on bales of second-hand clothing and books, for relief purposes in the Western Provinces, when shipped by, and consigned to, recognized church organizations.

The same arrangements are also made applicable on shipments similarly made to points in Northern Ontario, North Bay, west and north thereof. It will be necessary to confer in the usual way with the district railway offices before forwarding shipments so that proper arrangements can be made for free billing.

INDIAN STUDENT WINS PRIZE



Gerald Redsky

COMPETING against the pick of Manitoba school children at the recent Brandon Exhibition, Gerald Redsky, one of the students at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, was successful in carrying off first prize in the art display section. The award is one that reflects very favourably on pupil and teachers alike, for the competition was open to all school children of Manitoba who wished to enter.

Mr. W. N. Sutherland, director of exhibits at the fair, in a letter to Mr. E. W. Byers, Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey School, said: ''A special prize was awarded by our Fair Board for the best art exhibit on display. This included all exhibits shown from Brandon and rural schools . . . Our Indian exhibit this year was wonderful, over 1,200 entries.''

Educational Progress in Fifty Years

''THAT the offer of Mr. George L. Mackay's services as missionary to the heathen be cordially welcomed, that he be, as he is hereby, called by this Assembly to go forth as a missionary of the Canada Presbyterian Church to the foreign field; that China be chosen as the field to which Mr. Mackay shall be sent.'' From this decision of the General Assembly in Quebec in June, 1871, began the mission work of our Church in North Formosa, for Mr. Mackay felt that in Formosa, rather than on the mainland of China, his work should be. The English Presbyterian Church having established a mission in South Formosa six years before, in 1865, he went on to the north, arriving on March 9th, 1872, in Tamsui.

The Girls' School, Tamsui

From the very first reports indicate that the Women's Missionary Society watched with interest the work begun in North Formosa, ready to help when an opportunity offered. In the W.F.M.S. report in 1879 is found the first definite reference to Christian educational work among the women there. ''Concerning the work of the devoted Missionaries of our Church in Northern Formosa, most encouraging intelligence has reached us from Mrs. Junor who has consented, with the assistance of

Rev. G. L. and Mrs. Mackay, to undertake the instruction in Bible truth of a number of native women—converts—as rapidly as her own knowledge of the language will permit. Native Bible-women possessing nationality, language, associations, etc., in common with their heathen sisters, will doubtless wield an influence which 'foreigners' might scarcely hope to acquire in a life-time. The cost of maintaining and instructing one of these Bible-women will amount to about $36 per annum, and the responsibility of supplying the 'means' rests with us.'' It is worth noting that at this beginning of their work in that field the Presbyterian women of Canada realized that their aim should be to train *Formosan* women to carry on the work among their own people.

In the annual report of 1880 the following extract from a letter from Mrs. Junor is given: ''I still believe that the hope of this country is in the children, and that the *greatest* amount of good is to be done by beginning with them, and I hope it may not be long before we are able to open a school for girls; but we cannot do this without a building for that purpose. I also hope and pray that it may not be long before you are able to send another missionary and his wife. I think, with another lady in our Mission, we could carry on a school nicely.'' The report continued: ''Surely this is an incentive to more earnest and self-denying labour; and we ought, as a Society, to write upon our banner this coming year, close beside the word India, another equally as interesting, equally as comprehensive, from a missionary standpoint, *viz.,* Formosa.''

The next year (1882) the Foreign Secretary reports: ''From Mrs. Junor, Formosa, we have received one letter of deep interest, which we trust will result in some definite work in the shape of a Girls' School in connection with our mission in North Formosa. Mrs. Junor says that she longs 'for the time when we shall be able to do something more, especially for the women and girls in our mission, than has yet been done. We think that if we had a school we could in this way accomplish most for them'.'' Later in that year Mrs. Junor hopes that ''something may speedily be done towards the establishment of a girls' school in Formosa.''

When Dr. Mackay was at home, in 1881, on his first furlough, he had been given over $6,000 to found Oxford College at Tamsui as a training school for preachers. That school was formally opened in June, 1882, and in October of the same year a letter was received from Dr. Mackay, asking the Society to contribute $3,000 ''for the building and other expenses connected with the establishment of a girls' school in Northern Formosa''. Consideration of this request had to be deferred until after the annual meeting. ''This opening,'' the Secretary then said, ''seems to have presented itself in answer to prayer, and we must never allow it to be said by other generations that such a grand opportunity for the education and Christianization of some of the future wives and mothers of Formosa was given and that the Presbyterian women of Canada were not prepared to respond *quickly* and heartily with the necessary means.'' Accordingly, Dr. Mackay's request was granted.

That no time was lost is evident from Dr. Mackay's letter: ''On the 8th day of October, 1883, I began to build; and superintended everything about the building until completed . . . . It stands seventy paces east of Oxford College . . . . and will accommodate fifty girls . . . . The school was opened on the 19th of January last (1884), with H. M. Consul in the chair . . . . Upwards of one hundred converts from the east coast were present; the main hall was crowded and an immense crowd all around the building.'' In June Mrs. Jameson reported forty in the school, from ten to twenty-five years old, four pastors' wives, the rest converts or the children of converts,—with several more pastors' wives to come. Almost all were Pepohoans from the east coast. Rev. Duncan MacLeod, in *The Island Beautiful* refers to the difficulty at first in getting converts to send their daughters to the school—''So much in fact that it had to be turned into a combined school for women and girls''—because of the absence of a high wall around it and the lack of seclusion then considered fitting for Formosan girls. He says, however, that the school at that time met a great need. Instruction in the new school was given by teachers from Oxford College, with the assistance of Mrs. Mackay and, later, of Mrs. Gauld and other women missionaries.

When Tamsui was bombarded during the Franco-Chinese war, all missionaries were ordered to the mainland, but they returned in 1885 and some time later the Girls' School was re-opened. At times work in the school was irregular, because of the pressure of other work, Dr. and Mrs. Mackay's absence and the unsettled state of the country, but the work went on, the Society contributing to the maintenance of the school and paying the salaries of two teachers. Then in 1895, at the close of the Sino-Japanese war Formosa was ceded to Japan. Almost immediately the Government began to introduce an educational system for the Formosans; and ever since there has been a growing interest in education and an increase in the number of schools for both boys and girls.

To meet the changing conditions, the Girls' School was re-organized in 1907, with Miss Kinney as Principal and Miss Connell in charge of the music. Only girls of twelve and upward, and unmarried, were to be received. The first year there were twenty-four, all from Christian homes, several graduates of the Government primary schools but the majority never having been at school. There were still too few primary schools in Formosa, especially for girls, whose education was not yet considered important. The number of pupils increased steadily, and the course of study was, from time to time, altered to meet changing needs.

In 1914 the school was rebuilt, the new building being better able than the old one erected in 1882 to resist the destructive work of earthquakes and white ants. With accommodation for about eighty girls, the new school, a High School with a Preparatory Department, was opened in May, 1916, the Civil Governor of the Island being present and giving an address on education for girls in Formosa. The course was extended from six to eight years, four years preparatory and four for High School work, the subjects of study being similar to those in the Japanese Government schools, with Christian teaching added. It was, says the 1916 W.M.S. report, the first High School for girls on the Island. More and more was the teaching of Japanese stressed, in April, 1917, the third Japanese teacher being engaged. At first intended only for Christian girls, the school received an increasing number of pupils from non-Christian homes. Remarkable as had been the progress, especially in primary education, under the Japanese, it became more rapid after the Great War, as desire for higher education developed. In 1922 new regulations brought more changes in the Girls' High School. More qualified teachers were required; day pupils had to be received as well as boarders, and Japanese as well as Formosan girls. While difficulties were increasing, it was felt that the school was still needed; girls were seeking higher education, which they could find in this school, with Christian teaching as well. In 1924 a fine gymnasium was built, partly paid for by money collected from former students and friends of the school. In 1928 Miss Kinney and Miss Connell, to whose faithful work since 1907 the success of the school had been largely due, resigned and returned to Canada. Miss Clazie, who had given such efficient service since her appointment in 1910, became Principal, to be followed, on her retirement in 1931, by Miss Dorothy Douglas who had joined the staff in 1928. Miss Isabel Taylor was now teaching English and music, and in 1932 Miss MacVey and Miss Argall went out, the former resigning last year and the latter returning to Japan after a three-year term. Miss Newbury has been acting Principal during the past year.

The school had been attracting more girls each year, the number in 1934 reaching 130, over ninety of whom were living in the dormitory. That year, the report says, fully fifty per cent. of the second year class were Christian girls, many of them third generation Christians, and some of them daughters of former pupils of the school.

The Middle School for Boys

The Middle School for Boys was not opened until 1914, although the lack of such a school had been a serious loss to the Formosan Church. In 1902 a petition had been sent to the Foreign Mission Board asking permission to open a boys' school, but for want of trained teachers the organization of the Middle School was delayed until 1914. Mr. G. W. Mackay was appointed Principal and in April, 1914, the school was opened in Oxford College where his father had spent so many years. The school was enlarged in 1922, and changes made to conform with the new Government regulations. In 1923 Rev. D. MacLeod wrote: ''Since its opening the Middle School has amply justified its existence, and has demonstrated its value in educating the youth of the Church and as an effective evangelizing agency.''

In spite of the Government's interest in the higher education of Formosan boys there were still too few Middle Schools that could compare with similar ones in Japan. Since then the number has, however, been steadily increasing.

The situation has of late years been becoming more and more difficult for these two schools. It has been increasingly difficult to secure competent teachers, because of the lack of a Christian training school and the higher salaries paid by the Government. Then the insistence that all teaching be in Japanese and that Formosan be not used in school hours meant many changes, as well as the appointment of the Japanese principals now required in all schools. But if the schools were to be recognized by the Government, salaries had to be increased to conform with those of Government schools, the buildings greatly enlarged, and large sums spent on repairs and new equipment.

The Government is now in a position to care for the education of Formosans and Japanese on the Island, so that there is not the same need as before for the Church to carry on these schools. At the same time, religious teaching, which alone would seem to justify the continuance of the schools as mission schools, is forbidden. Hence, the decision to give these schools to the Government.

JOHN CALVIN

John Calvin was a ruthless wight
But dared not truthless bide,
Fought naked to decide aright
Were Chance or God Man's guide.

And many a token favours Chance
So far as Man can see,
And fools are led a tragic dance
And long are like to be.

But faith that God provides his fate
Shall nerve a man to dare,
And hap what may of scathe or hate
His soul assured shall bear.

And if this faith were false, no doom
Could with that fact compare;
Fall then what might of night or gloom
I'd have no heart to care.

—H. in *British Weekly.*

Encouraging Signs in India

IN Moslem lands, in India and China, incredible changes are taking place in hoary beliefs and customs—changes that would have been thought impossible fifty years ago. Then the conversion of Moslems was generally spoken of as an idle dream and the field was almost barren of fruitage. To-day thousands of Moslems are turning to Christ in Malaya and hundreds are openly confessing their faith and leaving Islam in Iran. The doors are opening wider and wider, even in Arabia.

China, in the early days of missions, seemed to present an impregnable barrier to Christian progress. Prejudice, superstition and pride in Confucian ethics and culture obscured Christ and made the people unreceptive. To-day not only are thousands of Chinese of all classes becoming Christians, but thousands are effective evangelists and some Chinese, like T. Z. Koo and Andrew Gih, are even coming to America to preach Christ.

India for many years presented the barrier of an elaborate Hindu philosophy, deeply rooted religious customs and caste which stood in defiance of the spirit and teachings of Christ. It seemed impossible to break down the system which was built into the very foundations of Indian life and thought. Indian womanhood was kept in seclusion of mind and body—what power could draw the veil? To-day caste is tottering on its foundations and a press despatch reports that on June 1st 10,000 ''untouchables'' assembled in Bombay to renounce Hinduism because they had received no benefit from it, and expressed their determination not to worship at Hindu shrines and temples. They are free to adopt any religion they wish, provided it offers them freedom.

One of the greatest signs of change in India is in the position and opportunities of women—formerly considered unworthy of education and of lower status than the cow. Mrs. Mira S. Ramdas, an Indian Christian, read a paper on ''Modern India'', before the Women's Conference in Bombay last March. In this paper she said (in part):

''To any casual observer it is apparent that the India of the twenty-five years ago is not the India of to-day. The whole nation has undergone a tremendous and rapid change in these few years. Old ideas are swept aside, old methods of life and education have been given up. New life has been infused and has awakened the millions in India. Willingness to change for the better, to adopt new ways and think bold thoughts is to be seen everywhere to-day . . . .

''A few things have happened as the direct result of the national awakening which must be noted here in a general way as they have a bearing on our subject.

''1. First is the great rush for literacy and general education. The leaders wish to educate the masses to enable them to take in the new things;

on the other hand, the masses desire education so that they can follow intelligently what is happening in the country. The popularity of the press is a sure indication of this fact. Both government and the national leaders are busy coping with this situation . . . .

''2. Second is the great desire towards industrialism. With the knowledge of what is happening in countries outside, industry has assumed new charms . . . .

''3. Third is the religious upheaval. With the spread of literacy and with the tending of the mind towards industrialism and materialism, there has come about a severance from ancient Indian ideas and ideals, specially a very noticeable severance from the Hindu religious ideas. The average Hindu man or woman to-day does not have much faith in the religion of his forefathers. But this is not all, he or she does not have much use for any religion at all . . . .

''This then is the India to-day; nationally awakening, seeking education, preparing for industrialism, and putting off old things and especially her religious mindedness which was so characteristic of her.''

Indian women to-day are being educated in schools and colleges; they are becoming teachers, lawyers, physicians and nurses; they are entering into business and into political life. Christian women especially are enjoying a freedom never dreamed of before and their views are listened to with a respect that their fathers and grandfathers would have never dreamed possible. The rise of women in India is all traceable to the work of the early Christian missionaries. —*The Missionary Review of the World.*

What to Read

By Margaret Ness

NOVEMBER! Dark mornings and short twilights. Snow and frost. And the beginning of a realization that Christmas is really not far distant. With that knowledge many Church groups begin to plan the Christmas programme.

Christmas programmes mean plays and pageants. And that, we hope, makes you think of the Literature Department of the W.M.S.

A goodly number of Christmas plays and pageants are kept in stock here and any others which you want can be obtained through our office.

We are anxious to serve you in the play line for we know how difficult it is to select suitable plays—even with a play catalogue in front of one. So, if you are planning a Christmas play, and November is the time to start planning and casting, do turn to us for help.

If you would give us an idea of the probable number and age of the players you have in mind, the length of the play wanted, the type of play preferred (humorous, religious, pageant, etc.), we will send you on the play that we feel meets all the requirements.

Personally I do not advocate one long play for an evening's entertainment. It usually means a fairly small cast, hard work and numerous rehearsals for that small group, and the chance that the play may not prove to be a popular success. With an evening of two or three short plays, more variety can be obtained, more players used (and that means that more relatives and friends will attend the performance) and one of the plays at least is almost certain to please.

Should you wish a definite play carried by any of the play brokers, we can order your copy through our office.

We have in stock at present the following Christmas Plays:

For Boys and Girls

Christmas Everywhere, a play for about 50 children with 20 speaking parts. Price 15 cents.

Christmas Story Hour and **Keeping Christmas**, pageants for Beginners, Primaries and Juniors. Price 35 cents each.

Miss Mission Band Meets the Christmas Fairy, a play for 12 children. Price 5 cents.

When the Christmas Star Shone, a programme for children. Price 10 cents.

Wonderful Name, a playlet for children. Price 7 cents.

The Santa Claus Way, a play for 11 children. Price 10 cents.

Gifts for the King (mimeographed), a new pageant for Mission Bands. Price 10 cents.

Adults

Christmas Exercises or Services: **Beautiful Christmas Gifts, The Light of a Star, Songs of Yuletide, The Wonderful Christmas Story** (price 15 cents each); **The Sheltered King**, price 35 cents.

Christmas Pageants: **The Angel's Message to the World**, price 20 cents; **Children of the Starlight**, price 45 cents; **The Three Wise Men** and **The Way of Peace**, price 35 cents each.

Excellent books which contain collections of recitations, dialogues, drills, pantomimes, tableaux, etc., are all at 35 cents each: **Christmas Suggestion Book, Christmas Pictures, Christmas Treasury, Standard Christmas Book.**

One further reminder: Do not forget our reduced copies of the life of **Dr. Jessie MacBean** and the work of the Hackett Medical School. The book is now selling at 20 cents.

Prayer

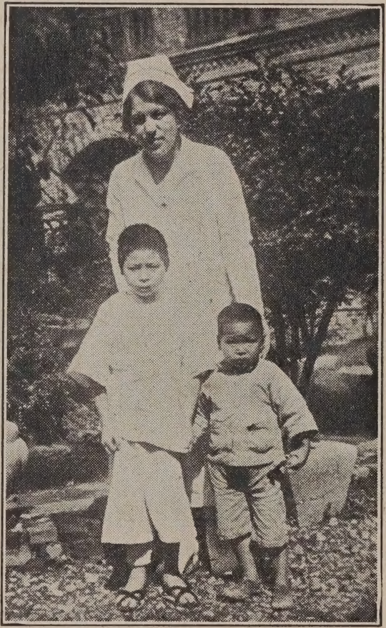
O GOD, Spirit eternal and unchangeable, who didst send Thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, we bless Thee for this divine and most glorious salvation. We do pray that Thou who didst pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh, commissioning as many as received Him to make known the wondrous blessing, will in Thy love and power make the members of the Women's Missionary Society instruments in glorifying Thy Son. O our Lord, we stand amazed and abased at the neglect of Thy Church in not fulfilling her Divine Commission. We do pray, as we are humbled at our slowness of heart, that Thou wilt visit Thy Church and let Thy Spirit, the Spirit of the Divine sending, fill all her members. O Father, we would re-dedicate ourselves afresh to Thee, that we may live and labour, pray, sacrifice and suffer for Thy Kingdom. We plead with Thee that we and all Thy children may be so strengthened by Thy Spirit that Christ may possess our hearts and lives. We thank Thee for the mission work to which we have pledged our support; may we not forget our task or grow weary as we try to fulfil our vows for this great work. We thank Thee for our missionaries at home and overseas, for those who have given long service and are now resting from active labour; in the evening of their lives give them quiet and peace. We pray for those who have been forced to retire because of illness. Strengthen and uphold all missionaries who are labouring on distant fields to extend Thy Kingdom. Inspire all members at home to hold forth the light of Thy Word so that we may bring help to burdened souls whose lives we are privileged to touch. As we draw near the winter months we ask a special blessing on all needy, the homeless, the hungry, the unemployed, the destitute, the wounded in heart, and the crushed in spirit. Bring to them a message of good cheer, a sense of peace and a quiet mind. Have mercy on those who have followed hopes that have vanished and put their faith in that which has proved false. Give them a faith that will not shrink, no matter how opposed. Give all such the patience that awaits in faith the coming of the light that explains and the dawn of deliverance. We ask all in the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

OUR LETTER BOX

Busy in the Hospital

Taihoku, Formosa.

WE all are keeping well but very busy. The hospital continues busy and just now the nurses are extremely rushed trying to learn enough Japanese to try a Government examination in nursing. All their studies so far have been in Chinese, but now that we must have a few ''recognized nurses'' on the staff we are hoping a few of ours can get the recognition, as we prefer to have Christian girls. There are no good text-books for nurses in Japanese, which makes things more difficult and, of course, they understand the Formosan better. High School graduates very seldom train for nurses. They are usually married off as soon as they graduate; somehow, they ''bring a better price'' to the parents than an uneducated girl! Most of our nurses have only public school and some with a short while in the women's School . . . . Miss Weir helps me a little in the operating room on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, which is great, as although she can't speak Formosan yet she can do some things and at the same time become accustomed to the routine work in the hospital . . . . I think it is wonderful that our work in the hospital has been carried on with no help required from home all these years, especially when most of our patients are poor and can pay so little, many not at all!


Miss Hermanson with a small patient and his brother.

—*Hildur Hermanson.*

Successful Camps

Brownvale, Alberta.

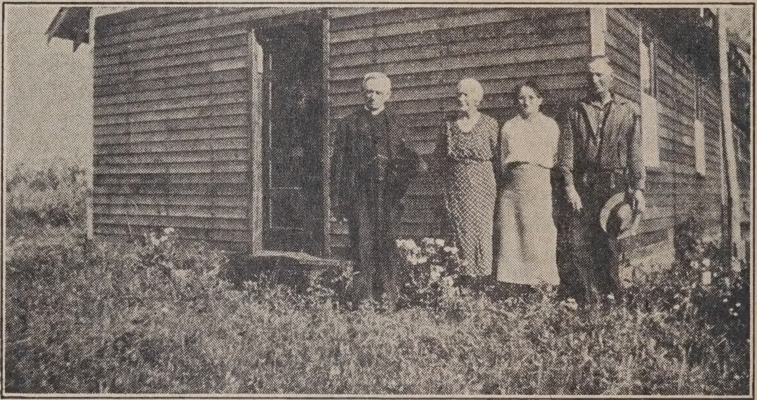
WE had two splendid camps. A boys' camp with twenty-three boys and two leaders, Mr. Christensen and Mr. Jacobs, and a girls' camp with fifty-one girls—leaders Miss Madill and myself and Mr. Jacobs. We believe both were successful in every way, but we were especially pleased with the apparent spiritual results. Over thirty of these boys and girls took a definite stand for Christ, and went back home determined to serve Him. Such signs of blessing are most encouraging, and we just pray for strength to go forward breaking the Bread of Life to these lambs of the fold.

—*M. G. Todd.*

Blueberry Mountain's First Service

Wanham, Alberta.

ANOTHER great event in August was our visit to Blueberry Mountain. I had long hoped to visit Mrs. Macdonald who had organized an Auxiliary there, but it was not until August 13th that that became a reality.



Left to right—Rev. W. L. Atkinson, Mrs. R. Macdonald, Miss M. Grigor, Mr. R. Macdonald, at Blueberry Mountain, Alta.

Mr. Atkinson and I planned to leave on the 12th, stay over until the 14th, as 52 miles is a long trip for the horses in one day, but Mr. Atkinson was called to Fox Creek for a funeral service on the 12th and didn't get back until midnight; however, we left at 8 next morning. A soft rain was falling but, clad in rain coats, we didn't mind and the ground was all the softer for our horses' feet. We reached Spirit River, 24 miles from here, at 12.30, had lunch and rested the team. Making enquiries as to where Blueberry Mountain was, we were told to go West ''and right into the bush'' and so it was—for 25 miles. Several ravines were passed, also a group of empty houses called Cache No. One, an old stopping-place for those who hauled grain from Pouce Coupé and beyond, some coming 100 miles by team. We were glad when we saw the end of the bush and several homes looming up in the distance. We stopped at Blueberry Store to enquire our way to Mrs. Macdonald's—three miles further. Our horses should have been fed as it was after 7 p.m. then, but we thought we had better push on. About a mile from our destination we heard singing, ''Crown Him, Crown Him Lord of All!'', also ''O Love that will not let me go.'' How lovely it sounded! Mr. Atkinson said, ''Is that a radio?'' I said, ''No, I'm sure it is our congregation.'' And so it was. Knowing how busy every one is at this time of the year, I had said in my letter to Mrs. Macdonald to arrange a service if she thought wise; if not, we would just visit in the homes. But they were not too busy to come out to a service. How I wish you could have been with me when the door opened! Inside the little room were seated 25 men, women and children, of various denominations, but all one in Christ, all hungry for the Gospel message and Christian fellowship. And what a welcome we got! Mrs. Macdonald was just preparing to read the Moderator's sermon out of the *Record* as they had been singing for quite a while and something must have delayed us, she thought. After some more singing, reading and prayer Mr. Atkinson spoke to them and I was asked to speak to the women of the Auxiliary. Then after a cup of tea they dispersed and we sat down to a supper which we certainly did justice to, having had nothing since noon. In between we talked of our Church, its work and people known to us all.

To me the visit was a great inspiration and encouragement. As far as is known this is the first Presbyterian service ever held. There have been occasional Anglican and United services. There are three other districts near Blueberry where there are Presbyterians and others who would welcome Christian work among them.

They have a Sunday School in Blueberry Mountain conducted by one of the women. She was very anxious that the children should have Bibles, so I sent her one dozen of those I had on hand, also some text cards. We hope in the future something may be done for this district. In the meantime we are going to try and go once a month.

Our other new points are coming along. Services are conducted every other Sunday at Belloy and Fox Creek. Mr. Atkinson has been taking these while I have taken Heart Valley and Westvale, but we are going to alternate. Also I hope to have Mission Bands. Silverwood is a little slow; it is so long since they had services that they have got out of the way of attending church. However, once we get started to work among the children more will come out, I'm sure. Last night we had eight at the service . . . . Our meeting in Prestville was very encouraging even though few were present owing to the busy season. Presbytery has promised them every encouragement and will give them dollar for dollar; that is, if they raise $100.00 they will be given $100.00.

Presbytery is also sending a request for another deaconess, so that when I go to Prestville she can take up the work East and South. There are other districts where we have not gone and the people are requesting services. If it is possible I should like to see another worker appointed. Presbytery is also asking the Mission Board that the services of Mr. Atkinson be retained.

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We were very glad to have our Synodical Missionary, Rev. H. R. Horne, on August the 23rd. He took the services at Wanham, Heart Valley and Westvale. As we look forward to the winter's work we again covet your prayers in all our hopes and plans in the service of our Lord and Master. —*Margaret Grigor.*

At Work in Algoma

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

THE Bright Sunbeams Mission Band has been organized in St. Paul's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, with thirteen Ukrainian and English children. More will be coming in the fall. It was a great pleasure to work among the Ukrainians here; they are such a fine people. At Bar River all the older 'teen-age girls and the young married women were visited and invited to consider forming a Young Women's Auxiliary of the W.M.S. The idea was well received, and in August when I returned there were eleven at the meeting and an election of officers was held. There are several more who wish to link up with the Society, and some of the older women are also asking if they may join. In Bar River, also, a Mission Band was formed. There is good material here, and much enthusiasm, although many of the children will have great distances to go in winter.

At Massey I called a meeting of all children interested in forming a Mission Band. It was a picnic and there were fourteen present. Three meetings have been held since, with nine girls. They are organized with most efficient officers and have already made many patches for their first quilt. Miss E. A. Wren, a teacher, is their leader and a former W.M.S. worker from St. Mary's is to be her assistant. Another lady offered a large heated room for the meetings. A leader for a Boys' Troop of Mission Banders has also been secured here, and I hope to be able to form a boys' group before long. The women were visited, and an Associate Society has been organized in connection with their Ladies' Aid.

Study books, the gift of this Presbyterial, are to go out to each Society newly formed. The work has been greatly blessed, and the ministers and student ministers have given excellent co-operation at all times. I have assisted with Sunday Schools and played organs where necessary in each centre where I have spent Sundays. The free literature has been left where I visited and carefully used. —*Roberta E. Smith.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

An allocation isn't sums to me;
It's happy school girls' faces,
It's tired, sick mothers getting well,
It's light in gloomy places.
It's not just long columns full
Of figures and addition,
It's missionaries sailing out
To fill a Great Commission.
It's you and I, who'd like to go,
And send our gifts to prove it.
Our allocation is a power.
It lives, and so I love it.—*Selected.*

AS this message reaches you, we will be facing the last two meetings of 1936. Our hope and prayer is that all Young Women's groups will emphasize during this time the joy and privilege of giving. Let us freely give our offering that He through His power may work the miracle of transforming our love as expressed by our gifts into living bread with which to feed to-day's hungering multitudes.

If each member of each group has a vision of what this money accomplishes, our treasuries will be filled to overflowing. No group will need to report that it has failed to reach its allocation.

''Prove me now herewith, said Jehovah of Hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it.'' Have we ever really done this proving? Let us all try. Empty your treasury. ''Nest-eggs'' lead to deficits; they do not belong to the ''proving'' plan.

May each of you who prove this message plan at once to make the last two months of this year the greatest months we have known in our work.

Three Kinds of Givers

There are three kinds of givers—''the flint, the sponge and the honey-comb.''

To get anything out of the flint you have to hammer it, and you can only get chips and sparks.

To get water out of a sponge you must squeeze it, and the more you squeeze the more you get.

But the honey-comb just overflows with its own sweetness.

Some people are stingy and hard. They give nothing away if they can help it.

Others are good-natured; they yield to pressure, and the more they are pressed the more they will give.

A few delight in giving without being asked at all; and of these the Bible says, ''The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.''—*Wesleyan Methodist.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Dear Leaders and Girls:

THIS month has become peculiarly associated with sacred memories, for on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in every city, town, and hamlet in Canada, the people gather to pay tribute in silence to the memory of those who died in the Great War.

All over our land there are memorials, cenotaphs and crosses erected in honour of those who died, and perhaps you have wondered why the cross should be chosen as a fitting memorial. It is because long ago there died upon a cross our Saviour. He died that men might live, and so we erect crosses to the memory of those who died that we might live in freedom. Jesus had a plan for the salvation of the world. His plan involved His death. The men we honour freely gave their lives that the ideals for which they fought might not perish from the earth.

We should like you to remember those ideals on Remembrance Day. What have we done? What can we do to ensure that those things for which Jesus died, those things for which so many have died since His day, do not perish from the earth?

Peace is a word we hear often in these days, but too many people speak of peace as if it were a negative virtue, and could be brought about simply by doing nothing but talk. We dare not forget that peace must be bought by self-sacrifice. The virtues of heroism, self-sacrifice and the capacity to endure are positive virtues, and it is only as we practise those that we can hope for peace on earth. In a family there can be no peace if each member of that family insists on having his or her own way, if they are suspicious of each other, if continually they carry a chip on their shoulder, if the members of the family are rude to each other. In such a family there would always be disagreements and fights. But family life is built upon mutual forbearance, unselfishness and the bearing of one another's burdens.

If we can carry this ideal into our relations with the members of the larger family of the nation, would it not make a great difference in our national life? If we can do our part to help eliminate suspicion and distrust; if we contribute a positive goodness to the life of our Church and community; if we can sympathize with the ideals and aspirations of other people, even when they differ from our own and, harder still, perhaps, even when they are of another race and colour than ourselves; if we pattern our lives on His who went about continually doing good, then we are doing something that will do more to bring peace to the hearts of men and women than all the speeches we or any one else can make. We must be not only hearers of the word but doers also, and even if our contribution be but small, we must make that conscientiously, do our best wherever we are placed in life, and leave the rest with God.

A Prayer for Remembrance Day

Eternal Father, in Thy mercy hear us as we pray that these our brothers, whom we have remembered in the stillness of our hearts, may live forever in the sanctuary of our souls, to cleanse and guard us from whatever would shame their memory, and to make us worthier of the blood shed for us—theirs and Thine. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

MEMORY CALENDAR CONTEST

VERY few calendars were entered in the contest this year. Mrs. Dill was appointed by Council Executive as judge. The prize was won by the Guiding Star Band, Knox Church, Drayton, Ontario. Their calendar was excellent in every way and the Band and their Leader deserve our heartiest congratulations. A special prize was awarded to the Catharine Currie Band, New St. James Church, London, Ontario. Although this calendar did not receive as high marks as the other, it was carefully and beautifully made and the Band and their Leader deserve great credit.

A NEW ADVENTURE FOR OLGA

Olga was to go to school the next day. What an exciting time for most children! But not for Olga. Just a few weeks before her father and mother had left their little, two-roomed, white-washed home to come to Canada where Olga and her little brother Michael would have more opportunity to go to school. Olga's mother had packed the few things that they could carry and they said good-bye to their friends and home country, Ukraine. They felt sorry to leave, but happy, too, to know that they were coming to the wonderful country they had heard about, Canada.

After a long boat and train trip Olga and her little family arrived in Toronto. Her father and mother were soon settled in a house with another Ukrainian family and, being very anxious that Olga should have a good education, were wondering what school she should attend. But they were unable to take her as they could not speak English and would not know what questions they were being asked. Finally a kind friend took little Olga to school. At first she was happy as she thought of the new adventures, the new girls and boys she would meet and the things she would make to take home to her mother. But, alas, she did not know one word the other little girls were saying. She was just about to cry when another little Ukrainian girl, Annie, remembering her first day at school, went over and put her arm around her, saying in her own language, ''Don't cry, you will like it soon.'' Great was her joy that she could understand. For several days Annie was kind to Olga, and in a short time Olga, too, could speak and understand everything the teacher said to her. Then she loved to go to school.

Olga had little time to play as she must attend the Ukrainian school three times a week so as not to forget her own language and to be able to read and write in Ukrainian. Music plays a great part in the life of the Ukrainian and so Olga along with other Ukrainian children took violin lessons as well.

Annie was attending the Ukrainian Sunday School in her district and learning the stories of Jesus and of how He said to His disciples, ''Love one another.'' The teacher had told them that Jesus wanted them to love all boys and girls and to tell others about Him. Soon Annie asked Olga to go with her the next Sunday to Sunday School. Olga asked her father, who was not very sure whether he should allow his little girl to go to the Sunday School at the Protestant Church, but after some coaxing Olga was allowed to go. She learned to sing ''Jesus Loves Me'' in her own language which means just the same as when little Canadian boys and girls sing it in English. Yes, Jesus loves them, too.

—*Mabel M. Booth, deaconess among the Ukrainians in Toronto.*

Note.—Miss Ness has prepared a Christmas pageant for Mission Bands. See advertisement.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—The opening meeting of the fall term of Calgary Presbyterial Executive took the form of a banquet in Grace Church, to which all the members of the Provincial Board residing in the city were invited. Mrs. T. A. Rodger presided. Besides bringing the members of the two executives into a more friendly relationship, the meeting proved beneficial in many ways. Items of interest were discussed and views exchanged which should be helpful in the work. Mrs. Rodger brought many helpful suggestions from the Council meeting and these were freely discussed. The reports from the Secretaries were all satisfactory and revealed an interest taken in the work. Mrs. Allott, Provincial President, conveyed the greetings of the Provincial Society and in her usual sympathetic manner gave a message of encouragement to carry on. Miss C. Muldoon gave the dedicatory prayer for all our workers and missionaries overseas. All members came away from that gathering feeling it was one of the best meetings they had ever attended. They seemed to get a clearer understanding of the work in every Department and Mrs. Allott's address was exceptionally encouraging.

The September meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary, was well attended. Mrs. T. M. Allen was in the chair, and Mrs. A. MacLaren, Mrs. C. E. Jamieson and Mrs. G. Tollington took the devotional part of the programme. Ways and means of increasing interest in the fall Thank-offering meeting were discussed and plans were made for that meeting. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. J. H. Jamieson, who attended the Council meeting in Toronto, expressed the joy and inspiration they had received from that convention and Mrs. Jamieson read a very excellent report of the meetings.

Edmonton P.S.—The semi-annual meeting of the Edmonton Presbyterial was held in First Church, Edmonton, in September. Delegates were present from Lloydminster, Vermilion, Vegreville, Ranfurly and a large number from the city churches. Mrs. H. Sykes occupied the chair during the presentation of half-yearly reports which were all particularly encouraging. Mrs. T. Dodds, of Rupert St. Church, gave a comprehensive report of the Council meeting, and Miss Ruby Walker, deaconess in the Lloydminster district, gave a report of her work there, which included *three* Church services and one Sunday School each Sunday. She had also organized a girls' camp which was a source of much inspiration in the district. Miss M. Grigor, Wanham, and Miss M. Todd, Brownvale, also reported successful girls' camps. Mrs. A. K. Southen, Young Women's Secretary, told of five young women of First Church who have pledged their services to the missionary cause. Four of them have gone to Vancouver for special Bible training, while the other hopes to leave shortly for deaconess training in Toronto. Other speakers were Mrs. F. W. Allott, Provincial President; Rev. R. J. Burton, Strathcona; Mr. Ferguson, Westmount; Rev. Mr. Collins, Vermilion, and Rev. H. S. McKeel of First Church.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S.—Our sympathy goes out to Rev. R. Currie Creelman and Mrs. Creelman of West Point Grey Church, Vancouver, in the loss by drowning of their little daughter, Dorothy June, on August 28th, 1936.

Fairview Auxiliary, at their September meeting, held in the evening, had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Ellen Douglas, of New Westminster, who is at home on her first furlough from Jobat, India. Miss Douglas made her talk very real by the aid of pictures illustrating her work. At the close of the meeting she was presented with flowers.

Our Provincial Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. W. W. McGregor, has just arrived home after a three months' trip to Eastern Canada. She enjoyed her trip, in spite of very hot weather, met many old friends, W.M.S. and others, and is now ready and fit for a good winter's work in her department of our W.M.S. work.

Victoria P.S.—Some of our ministers, their wives, and a good representation from the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Victoria, spent a pleasant half hour at the boat where they had gone to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Toombs and their two little daughters, who sailed on August 15th on the *President Jackson*, to return to Barwani, India. While we are always loath to say farewell, we felt these good people have a very definite work ahead of them and our prayers will go with them; we know that God will bless every effort they put forth to advance His Kingdom. We pray that they may be spared to return to us many more times.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL

The by-law (page 224, 1935 Annual Report) should read:

(*a*) The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Presbyterial Presidents and five other members to be appointed by the Annual Provincial Meeting, two of these to be members of Board of Management. This Committee shall meet at the close of the Annual Meeting and elect their own Convener.

(*b*) Up to one month before the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Society, the Nominating Committee shall receive nominations from Presbyterial Executives, and from Auxiliaries reporting direct to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary. The Nominating Committee shall select from these nominations one name for each office, which shall be presented at the Annual Meeting, the list to be posted at the opening of the Annual Meeting. This does not preclude nominations from the delegates present, such nominations to be presented in writing the day preceding the election of officers.

(*c*) No name shall be presented to the meeting for election, unless the consent of the person named has been secured.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG STREET, WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

ON August 24th, Superior Presbyterial met to bid farewell to Mrs. P. Cundy, their President, who has gone with her husband, Rev. Percival Cundy, minister of First Church, Fort William, to Philadelphia. Miss M. Smellie, the first Vice-President, expressed the regret of the Presbyterial at losing so valuable a member, thanked Mrs. Cundy for the very efficient service which she had rendered here in the cause of the Missionary Society and wished her god-speed. Miss Jean Stevenson, Recording Secretary, on behalf of the Presbyterial, presented her with a writing portfolio. Mrs. Cundy gave an appropriate and inspirational parting message, her theme being ''He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways.''

Rev. A. E. Toombs, on his return journey to India, spent a week-end in Port Arthur, taking both services in First Presbyterian Church, and addressing the young people after the evening service.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 166 HAMMERSMITH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

THE old Crinan Church, London Presbyterial, was the scene of the Golden Jubilee service of Argyle W.M.S. Auxiliary when nearly two hundred members and friends gathered for the celebration. Mrs. J. J. McGill presided. Congratulatory messages were received from many former members and Mrs. J. Dickson brought greetings from the Presbyterial, Mrs. D. Graham from the district and Mrs. D. A. Cameron from the Mission Band. A history of the past fifty years was related by Mrs. P. D. McRae. Mrs. M. G. Graham told an interesting story of the work in Formosa, stressing the need of more evangelism, and urging those present to be loyal and liberal supporters of the W.M.S. Mrs. J. A. McLean presided over the candle service, the several groups of candles being lighted by members in honour of the W.M.S., the organization of Crinan Auxiliary, the pioneers, the Presbyterial, and the Mission Band, this last by Mary Belle McRae, the youngest Life Member. The cake with its fifty candles was cut by Mrs. A. J. Campbell, the oldest charter member. At the tea hour many friendships were renewed.

The Golden Jubilee of Knox Auxiliary, West Lorne, was also celebrated in July. Miss A. M. McColl, the President, Miss Gillies and Mrs. Dewar, of Windsor, were the charter members present. Mrs. Dewar told of the organization of the Auxiliary fifty years ago. A history of the Church during this period, written by Mrs. Murray, was read by Mrs. Basil Skinner Barrick. A large cake was decorated with fifty candles in groups of ten which were lighted by Miss Gillies for the W.M.S., Miss McColl for the Auxiliary, Mrs. Dewar in memory of the pioneers, Mrs. McAlpine for the Presbyterial, and the Mission Band by Margaret Branchflower, whose great grandmother was a charter member. There was a large attendance and all were entertained to supper.

Sixty years ago, in 1876, the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Harrington, Stratford P.S., was organized by Mrs. D. Gordon, who became the first President. Her memory and that of other early workers was honoured at the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. One minute of silent prayer was observed in memory of Mrs. Gordon. A tribute to former Presidents called home was read by Mrs. Thomas Morris and the twenty-third Psalm sung to the old tune Covenanters. A message of inspiration, with reminiscences of his boyhood days in the old white manse at Harrington, was received from Mrs. Gordon's son, Rev. C. E. Gordon (Ralph Connor), who further said: ''To me the story of the W.M.S. of your Church (Presbyterian) is a bit of my mother's life and work.'' Messages from former members, ministers and their wives, from St. James, London, and from Miss Tena McKenzie, overseas missionary from this congregation, were received. Miss M. B. Tier, Stratford, brought greetings from the Provincial Board, Mrs. J. H. McCabe from the Presbyterial and Rev. O. E. Hunter from the Presbytery. Miss Greta Clark gave the history of the Auxiliary's sixty years. Mrs. W. Clark sang in Gaelic. An inspirational item was the message given by Mrs. E. A. Wright, Kintore, formerly of the Peace River District. The cake carrying six lighted candles was cut by Mrs. J. Todd, who as Miss Phemmie Ross was the first Treasurer, now the only charter member. Mrs. G. Gates presided.

The Auxiliary of Dalhousie Station, Glengarry P.S., met at the home of its oldest member, Mrs. D. McNaughton, Cote St. George, who is 92 years of age. She delighted the members by singing a hymn, her little grand-daughter accompanying her in the chorus. Visitors were present from neighbouring Auxiliaries. District No. 6 met at the home of Mrs. D. J. McCuaig, Dalhousie Station, with Mrs. R. D. McIntosh in the chair. Rev. D. A. Roberts, Kirkhill, gave an address on ''Why Should I Support Missions?'' Mrs. D. Mason McLennan, Presbyterial President, spoke on the work of the Council.

The executive of Bruce and Owen Sound P.S. enjoyed a talk by Miss Nesbitt of Walkerton on her recent visit to the Birtle Indian School. Arrangements were made to start the campaign for the retiring fund. The annual rally of the C.G.I.T. Groups was held in Southampton, Mrs. Rowand leader. Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Brampton, spoke on the work at large. Miss Pauline Lamont, Port Elgin, reported camp life at Kintail. Mrs. J. L. McKenzie reviewed Mission work in foreign fields. A Biblical play was presented. At the close games and lunch were enjoyed. Several members of the Presbyterial were present. Port Elgin Auxiliary presented Mrs. Wm. Lamont with a Life Membership. The C.G.I.T., Port Elgin, have begun the fall work with an increase in membership.

The fall rally of Huron P.S. took place at Exeter, Mrs. Stanbury welcoming the delegates. Mrs. D. J. Lane, Goderich, gave helpful suggestions. Each member has a part to play. She told of an old lady, aged 92, who reminds the children of the Mission Band meeting. Sectional meetings held for the first time in Huron at Hensall, Bayfield and Auburn were well attended and helpful. Mrs. T. S. Smith, Treasurer, spurred the members to greater effort in the interests of the finances. Each Secretary made an earnest appeal for the work of her department. Greetings from Presbytery were conveyed by Rev. D. J. Lane, Goderich. Rev. James MacKay, London, gave an address on Japan, China and Formosa, telling of the physical and economical conditions peculiar to each country, and relating incidents in the lives and work of the missionaries. The Exeter Mission Band contributed a musical number. The ladies of St. Andrew's entertained the delegates at lunch.

Visitors from all parts of Stratford P.S. gathered at St. Mary's for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Knox Church W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. A. W. Hare presided. The history of the Auxiliary, organized in 1886 by Mrs. D. Gordon and Mrs. A. Grant, was read by Mrs. J. Turnbull. Miss A. McVannel conducted the service of remembrance. In memory of Mrs. A. Grant, first President, a basket of flowers was placed on the altar by Mrs. J. Marshall. The Mission Band, led by Miss MacVannel, put on a beautiful candle-lighting service; as the children marched down the aisle, the congregation sang ''Light of Life''. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. G. D. Wood and a Life Membership to Miss Ruth Walz. While tea was served, flowers were presented to older members and happy reminiscences were enjoyed.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 128 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—Medical work in the Jobat district of India was outlined to the Montreal Presbyterial at its meeting in Knox Crescent Church, on September 18th, when Dr. John Howie, at present home on his first furlough, gave details of his work in Central India. The area which he serves covers about 600 square miles and has a population of 80,000 people. Recent advances in hospital buildings and equipment have increased his services to these people to a marked extent. There is a competent, though small, staff of nurses, and Jobat is the hospital centre for this field. Patients come in thousands each year for treatment. Dr. Howie spoke of the Bhils among whom he works chiefly, and said they were alert and intelligent in many respects, though the condition of women in India leaves much to be desired. They are subject to respiratory diseases and the death rate from this cause remains very great. Dr. Howie's home is in Montreal and he is a member of Melville Church. The meeting was largely attended, with the President, Mrs. W. E. Baker, in the chair. Devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. G. W. Grier, of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Mrs. Charles Johnson moved a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Departmental reports continued to show progress in missionary endeavour both abroad and at home. The Treasurer reported receipts of $6,029.31. The Home Helpers Secretary told of visits made and literature distributed, while the Young Women's Secretary reported activity in her field. Mission Bands received $97.70. The Supply Secretary gave a lengthy list of contributions, and also of shipments to hospitals and schools throughout Western Canada. Subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* total 1,443.

Dr. Howie also addressed a sectional meeting held at Ormstown on September 26th. Many out-of-town Auxiliaries in the neighbourhood availed themselves of this additional opportunity of hearing about the work at Jobat. Mrs. Pae addressed the Y.W.A. and departmental reports were presented. Special music was supplied by the Mission Bands represented as well as by the choir of the Ormstown congregation.

Quebec P.S.—With Dr. John Howie, a medical missionary from India, and several distinguished visitors from Montreal present, the sectional meeting of the Quebec Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, on September 24th, was an exceptionally important gathering. Mrs. A. Stalker, Presbyterial Vice-President, of Windsor Mills, presided and introduced Dr. Howie, who gave an interesting address on ''The Ministry of Healing in India''. Dr. Howie explained that the motive in sending medical men to foreign fields was not to attract the crowd, not for a sign, not to obtain preaching opportunities, not to overcome prejudice, but simply ''compassion''. ''For,'' he concluded, ''Jesus saw the multitude and had compassion on them.''

The roll call was answered by representatives from the various Auxiliaries, who each gave interesting and encouraging reports of the year's work. Mrs. O. R. Campbell, of Montreal, in commenting on these reports, pointed out how the work of each Auxiliary might be strengthened, and in her closing words urged a deeper consecration and keener sense of responsibility among members.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

SASKATOON P.S.—The Luseland Auxiliary featured the *Glad Tidings* at their September meeting, when the report of the Council meeting was reviewed. ''One Hundred Years of Western Medicine'', by Dr. Jessie MacBean, was also read.

Parkview W.M.S. Auxiliary opened their autumn activities with a talk on ''Serving Our Own Generation'', and a paper on ''Problems of the Past''.

At a well attended meeting at St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, on September 10th, a service of remembrance was held in loving tribute to the life and service of the late Mrs. G. A. Monroe. Mrs. Monroe had resided in Saskatoon for more than thirty-two years, was a charter member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, a life member of the Women's Missionary

Society and also an active member of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary. For six years she was an officer of Saskatoon W.M.S. Her kindly personality endeared her to many and her presence and influence will be greatly missed.

The September meeting of the Dinsmore Associate Society was held in honour of its seven oldest members. The main theme of the programme was ''Mother''. Appropriate music and readings were given. At the close of the meeting the seven mothers were presented with suitable gifts.

Regina P.S.—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Church, Regina, held their September rally day meeting at the home of Mrs. Jos. Collingwood. After the devotional and business period a social hour was spent in appropriate missionary contests.

At the August meeting of the Dunkeld W.M.S. Auxiliary, Miss Theresa Bysick, of Duval, gave an address on ''The Important Place which Prayer holds in Missionary Work''. Miss Bysick sailed on September 10th for China, as a missionary under the China Inland Mission.

Treasurer's Statement

August and September, 1936

RECEIPTS

Rate of Pensions received from Missionaries	$ 257.61
Refund from Vegreville Residence	200.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	177.60
Manitoba	100.00
Ontario	6,900.00
	$7,635.21

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 404.16
Vegreville	459.95
Chinese in Canada	779.71
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	570.82
Birtle Indian School	489.47
Mistawasis	45.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
New Liskeard	241.28
Saskatoon	75.00
Vegreville	210.82
India:	
Bhil Field	4,085.50
Jhansi Field	2,946.25
Ludhiana Medical College	50.00
St. Christopher Training School	100.00
Formosa	570.82
British Guiana	310.00
Japan	75.00
South China	250.00
Publications	1,387.65
Pensions	146.66
Fees	315.05
Education of Chinese Candidate	180.00
Manchuria	250.00
Christian Literature	250.00
Insurance	189.00
New Missionary	854.00
Library	13.15
Lantern Slides	1.75
Organization	376.00
Welcome and Welfare	1,380.67
Exchange	1,321.63
Administration	520.06
	$18,924.40

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—	
Mrs. Wm. Elder, Toronto	$ 5.00
Interest	25.85
Special Fund—	
Rent of Residence at Prince Albert	23.70
Collections on South Porcupine Hospital Accounts	680.05
*Interest	115.34
Formosa Forward Movement Fund—	
*Interest	72.25
Legacy Fund—	
*Interest	89.33
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	178.65
	$1,190.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Taxes on Prince Albert Residence	$ 235.47

* Interest to be credited to Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries as per Council's decision.

Correction.—Legacy reported in Treasurer's Statement, July 31st, from the Estate of the late Miss Bessie G. Elliott, through Duff Auxiliary, Puslinch, Ont., should read "from the Estate of the late Miss Mary Scott".

(Mrs. Daniel) Helen M. Strachan,
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ALTERATIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

Ontario

Glengarry P.S. (page 139)—Add—Cornwall Evening Auxiliary—Mrs. Allan E. Cline (Pres.); Mrs. A. Plumadon (Treas.); Mrs. Alex Mitchell (Secty.), Courtaulds Cottages, Montreal Rd., Cornwall; 30 members; money sent on for missions $200.00.

Kingston P.S. Officers (page 149)—New Glad Tidings Secretary—Miss M. Cameron, Newburgh, Ontario.

North Bay P.S. Officers (page 160)—Treasurer and Finance Secretary, Mrs. T. Firth, address changed to 91 Harvey St., North Bay.

Saugeen P.S. Officers (page 171)—Y.W. Secretary—Mrs. Chas. McAllister, address should be R.R. 3, Knox, Normanby.

Saskatchewan

Provincial Officers (page 195)—New Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. H. A. Staveley, Weyburn.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Red Deer P.S.—C.G.I.T., Carstairs.

British Columbia

Westminster P.S.—Vancouver Heights Mission Band (reorganized).

Ontario

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Mrs. John Hill

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The Peace-Giver

Thou whose birth on earth
Angels sang to men,
While Thy stars made mirth,
Saviour, at Thy birth,
This day born again;

As this night was bright
With Thy cradle-ray,
Very light of light,
Turn the wild world's night
To Thy perfect day.

Thou the Word and Lord
In all time and space
Heard, beheld, adored,
With all ages poured
Forth before Thy face,

Lord, what worth in earth
Drew Thee down to die?
What therein was worth,
Lord, Thy death and birth?
What beneath Thy sky?

Thou whose face gives grace
As the sun's doth heat,
Let Thy sunbright face
Lighten time and space
Here beneath Thy feet.

Bid our peace increase,
Thou that madest morn;
Bid oppression cease;
Bid the night be peace;
Bid the day be born.

—A. C. Swinburne.

Service for the First Auxiliary Meeting of the New Year

January 1937

Prepared by two members of the British Columbia Provincial Board

Worship

Hymn 81: O Come, let us sing to the Lord.

Reading: Psalm 122: 1; Isaiah 40: 31; St. James 4: 8; Isaiah 65: 24; Hebrews 4: 16.

Confession

Reading: Psalm 51: 1-3, 10-18.

The Holy Spirit

Hymn 278: Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove.

Reading: Acts 4: 31; St. Luke 11: 9-13; St. John 14: 16, 17, 26; St. John 16: 13, 14; St. John 20: 22; Romans 8: 27.

Prayer: For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that the Holy Spirit may deeply impress upon all members of the Church a sense of their obligation for the evangelization of the world; that the hearts of the non-Christian may be prepared for the truth; that a rich blessing may rest upon all efforts to deepen missionary interest, and that the Church may awaken to more earnest prayer and increased liberality for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Prayer of confession of personal shortcoming, lack of faith and indifference to our responsibility.

Prayer of reconsecration.

Hymn 582: O Master, let me walk with Thee.

Call to Service

Reading: 1 Chron. 29: 5 (last clause); St. John 21: 15, 16, 17; Acts 9: 10, 11, 15; Acts 1: 8.

Fields of Service

Reading: St. Matt. 9: 37, 38.

Prayer: For a vision of the need in our own land and of the world at large, especially of the women without the Gospel, and for a vision of Jesus Christ who alone can supply their need.

Prayer: For our national work, for our deaconesses, teachers, doctors and nurses in all stations, schools and hospitals.

Hymn 649: From ocean unto ocean (verses 2 and 4).

Prayer: For our overseas work in India, China, Japan, Formosa and British Guiana.

Hymn 386: The morning light is breaking (verses 1 and 3).

Happy is That People whose God is the Lord

Reading: Isaiah 52: 9 and 10; Isaiah 65: 17-25.
Prayer: For our King and country and for world peace.

Assurance of Power and Victory

Reading: Isaiah 41: 10; Phil. 2: 5-11; St. Matt. 28: 18, 19, 20.
Hymn 540: Lead on, O King Eternal.
Benediction: Eph. 3: 14-21.

Editorial

Welcome Visitors

AT the Council Executive meeting on October 13th Mr. and Mrs. Bonwick, of Seoul, Korea, were welcomed not only for themselves and the work they represent—Mr. Bonwick is Secretary for Christian Literature in Korea—but also as friends of our missionaries among the Koreans in Japan. Their home in Seoul is open to missionaries from Japan or from other parts of Korea, and has been a second home for some of our workers during their time of language study. Mrs. Bonwick paid a high tribute to the missionaries in Japan under the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern and Western Divisions) and the work they were doing under far from easy conditions among the Koreans there. For nearly thirty years Mr. Bonwick has been with the Christian Literature Society, whose work is of great value to all Christian workers in the country. Besides books, pamphlets, tracts, Sunday School helps, and pictures, the Society publishes an illustrated children's magazine in Korean. The six missions in Korea are represented on the Board and they would like to have, too, a representative of our workers among the Koreans in Japan. They are very grateful, Mr. Bonwick said, for the grants made them by the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children and by the Inter-Board Committee from the World Day of Prayer contributions.

Miss Agnes I. Dickson was another visitor at the same meeting. She was grateful for the opportunity of attending the Young People's Convention in Hamilton and for the help and inspiration she had received from that great gathering of young people. There, too, she had received an offer of help in the work among the Chinese in Montreal. They are still working in the Chinese Institute, with the same number of women, with twenty-eight children in the kindergarten. The Bible Class of eight members is a source of joy to her. They study and also do supply work in connection with the Young People's Society. The Mission Band has been reorganized with twenty-seven members, and more to come. The women's meeting is now held every two weeks, with a marked increase in the average attendance. Miss Dickson asked for the prayers of the members that there might be results in this women's work. From Mrs. Burkwall she had heard of the active part taken among young people in China by Christian students, men and women, who had returned home, to become leaders in the Chinese Church and establish Christian homes.

Resignation of a Valued Member

THE Council Executive has suffered a serious loss in the resignation of Mrs. J. W. Dill as a member of the Board because of her departure for California. For thirty years, first in the Women's Home Missionary Society and, since 1914, in the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Dill has been a faithful Executive member. Especially valuable was her service in the Mission Band Department, which she did so much to build up, and in all work for young people. Long will she be remembered, too, for the quiet dignity and fine courtesy always characteristic of her, even in the face of most difficult situations. Her stay in California will, we trust, be of great benefit to her.

A Suggestion

MANY of our women have written to ask how they might best honour Dr. Goforth's memory. Although he served in China and Manchuria, his missionary interest was not confined to any one field, but was world-wide. We feel that the greatest tribute to his memory and his long, faithful service would be the meeting of our allocation and the making sure that there will be no deficit this year. This would have given him real joy, for we know how the thought of a deficit burdened his heart. We commend this thought to our members and suggest that if any feel moved so to honour his memory they should send their gifts through the regular channels of our Society.

Congratulations

DURING the first week of November the Women's Baptist Missionary Societies of Ontario West celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of their organization. Our Board, on this occasion, sent congratulations to the sister Society on the completion of sixty years' service in the cause of missions, with good wishes for continued success in their work.

The "Glad Tidings" Prayers

NO part of the *Glad Tidings* is more important or more widely used than the prayer which is published each month. For the inspiration and help thus received during the past year we have to thank Provincial and Presbyterial Presidents who have prepared the prayers. We are very grateful to those women who have so willingly shared in this work.

Home Helpers

AS one means of giving prominence to the Home Helpers Department in 1937, the Council Executive suggests that the June meeting of Auxiliaries should be a Home Helpers meeting. In the May issue of the *Glad Tidings* we hope to publish a special programme for such a meeting.

We regret that lack of space makes it necessary to hold over Mrs. Logie's message and the historical sketch of the department until the January issue.

The Council Executive Welcomes New Member

HAVING recently had to accept the resignation of two members, the Council Executive is glad to announce that one of the vacancies has been filled by the election of Mrs. Norman A. MacEachern to the Board.

Kindly Note

TO clear up an evident misunderstanding, it should be stated that the Women's Missionary Society issues no such certificate as an *Honorary In Memoriam.* Strange to say, however, there have been several requests for such a certificate. The certificates issued for Senior Auxiliaries are: Life Membership ($25.00); Honorary Membership ($100.00); In Memoriam ($25.00).

THE attention of our readers is especially called to the interesting report, in the Manitoba Provincial News, of a visit made by Mrs. J. A. Gray, President of Brandon Presbyterial, to Indian groups in that province.

WOULD *Glad Tidings* Secretaries, and others who may send in subscriptions, kindly remember to have all remittances made out to the "Editor of *Glad Tidings*", not to Miss Helen Mackintosh?

A Christmas Carol

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! awake the string!
Heart, ear, and eye, and everything!

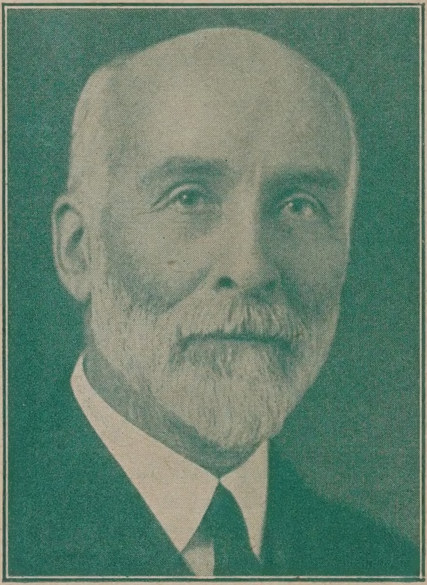
. . . .

The Darling of the world is come,
And fit it is we find a room
To welcome Him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart,
Which we will give Him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do Him honour; who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

—Robert Herrick.

Dr. Jonathan Goforth

BY the death on October 9th of Rev. Jonathan Goforth, D.D., the Presbyterian Church in Canada lost one of its most devoted and best loved missionaries, and Canada a great Canadian. With singleness of purpose—''This one thing I do''—this great pioneer missionary had for nearly half a century served in the mission fields of China and Manchuria, and then for more than a year had continued to labour at home.



Dr. Jonathan Goforth

Born in 1859 in Thorndale, Middlesex County, Ontario, Jonathan Goforth received his early education in Nissouri and Ingersoll schools. He early determined to enter the Christian ministry; then, hearing George Leslie Mackay, at home on furlough from Formosa, he decided to become a missionary. During his student days in Toronto he gave freely of his time and energy to city mission work. The new Student Volunteer Movement aroused the students of his day to a new interest in missions, with the result that the year he graduated thirty-three men from Knox College volunteered for service on overseas fields. In 1887, on his graduation, he was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of our Church to service in China, where he was to open up a new mission field in North Honan. When in March, 1888, Mr. Goforth arrived in China with his bride, formerly Miss Rosalind Bell-Smith, he was warned of the difficulties awaiting him in any attempt to establish work in Honan, one of the most densely populated, but one of the most anti-foreign provinces in China. Dr. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, wrote to him: ''If you would enter this province, you must go forward on your knees.'' Immediately, with three other missionaries, Mr. Goforth set out on a tour of North Honan; and in his travels of 1,200 miles by cart he learned much about the country in which he was to open up mission work. So great was the opposition, however, that it was only after six years that his prayer that he should be given that section of Honan as his field was answered and he was permitted to found the mission. He at once went to Changte Fu, where within three days, it is said, he received thirty-five offers of property for a mission site! ''Thus'', wrote Mrs. Goforth, ''the Lord did break in pieces the gates of brass which had kept us so long from our promised land.'' Dangerous days were by no means over, however, and in 1900, when so many missionaries and native Christians were killed during the Boxer Rebellion, Mr. and Mrs. Goforth and their children had a miraculous escape from death, although the former was severely wounded. Yet the next year they were back at work in Honan.

The official classes were now more friendly to the missionaries and work could be begun in new centres. Convinced that China could become Christian only if a native Church were built up, Mr. Goforth sought always to train leaders who would go out as ministers or evangelists to win their own people. The new China, with its educational changes, offered greater opportunities which Mr. and Mrs. Goforth were ready to take advantage of by undertaking an aggressive evangelistic campaign, in towns north and north-east of Changte Fu, places hitherto untouched by the Gospel. Mr. Goforth would preach in a centre for several weeks, then leave a Chinese evangelist in charge, while he himself would go on to open up another station. Deeply impressed by the religious revival in Korea, he told the story of it throughout Northern China, and the result was a great revival in Honan and Manchuria. As the mission became firmly established in Honan, and the number of missionaries increased, Dr. Goforth—the degree of D.D. was bestowed on him by Knox College in 1915—was left freer to answer the many demands for his services in other centres. Thus he travelled through almost all the provinces of China, conducting special meetings at the request of the local missionaries.

After 1925, remaining in the Presbyterian Church, Dr. and Mrs. Goforth were without a field. For some time he was associated with General Feng and his Christian army. Then, although already at an age when he might have thought of retirement, Dr. Goforth was not only willing to continue in the mission work of the Church but ready to do pioneer work again. In 1926, therefore, Dr. and Mrs. Goforth returned to China to open up another new field—in Manchuria. There, with the same zeal, the same fearlessness, undaunted by his failing sight and later total blindness, they worked until, on account of Mrs. Goforth's ill-health, they had to leave the East to which they had given forty-seven years. Dr. James MacKay, of London, Ontario, who visited Manchuria last year, bore testimony at the funeral to the devotion of the people to Dr. Goforth. ''I am not sure,'' he said, ''that I have ever seen such evidence of love as that which existed for Dr. Goforth on the part of his followers in that far-off land. In any room or preaching-hall one cared to enter pictures of the Goforths would be found.''

But not to rest did they return to Canada. Even at 77 years of age, Dr. Goforth felt there was still much for him as a missionary and an evangelist to do, if not in China, in Canada and the United States; and until the evening before he died at the home of his son, Rev. J. F. Goforth, he travelled through the country addressing large audiences everywhere, his last address being given at Wyoming, Lambton County. He has finished his course here, amid the sorrow of people of East and West, leaving them the example and inspiration of a Christ-like service. Like Moses, he ''knew not that his face shone''.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA ON OCTOBER 27TH, 1936, THE MEMBERS STANDING TO RECEIVE IT.

> Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God in His unerring wisdom to take unto Himself the soul of our Church's great pioneer missionary, the Reverend Jonathan Goforth, D.D., we, the members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada unite with a great company of witnesses in thanksgiving to God for this life, now returned to Him, with its commission fulfilled.
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> We would recall how Jonathan Goforth carried the enthusiasm of his student days at Knox College into the amazing pioneer work in hostile Honan, and how with indomitable courage, ''in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, ... in perils by the heathen'', the Mission was established. After many years, still bearing in his body scars from the Boxer Rebellion, he completed his long service in China by opening up a fresh work in Manchuria.
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> When loss of sight necessitated his return to Canada he who had brought light and guidance to many that sat in darkness, continued, during his few remaining months, his journeyings up

and down the land with apostolic fervour, calling sinners to repentance and Christians to service and holy living.

To Mrs. Goforth, companion in his labours and sharer in his strong faith, to the sons and daughters who remain, to his fellow workers in Manchuria and to the countless number of those ''other sheep'' whom he brought into the fold of the Shepherd, we would express our sympathy, ever holding his memory in honour.

> ''And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.''

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Dear Miss Forsyth,

As Recording Secretary for the Executive of our Women's Missionary Society, I wish you to convey to the ladies my deep appreciation of the tribute paid to my beloved who has gone on a little while ahead.

I should like to just tell you simply and briefly that as I look back over those eighteen months of constant travel with Dr. Goforth, during which he addressed more than four hundred and seventy meetings, that which gave him most constant joy was the way our *women*—most of them no doubt members of our Society—rallied about him with expressions of love and honour. He knew well the power of the women of our Church and, oh, how many times he expressed to me his longing for a deep spiritual awakening to come throughout our Society which would give to each member new vision of personal responsibility towards those ''without God and without hope!''

Again I thank you, dear sisters. I do ask but one thing. Will you, as the Lord brings me to your remembrance, pray I may be given the needed physical power and guidance in all matters concerning the task before me—the writing of my husband's memoirs?

Gratefully your sister,

Rosalind Goforth.

''Rejoicing in Hope!''

Through Him who is born in stable here
Our heavenly host will come more near;
The presence of God, which drives out fear,
The glory of God, that makes all glow,
The comfort of God, that sings and swells
In the human heart like a peal of bells,
And the peace of God, that no tongue tells,
Are given to man to know.

—John Masefield.

More About Our Work and Workers

CANDIDATES

A REQUEST from the editor for ''recent items of interest'' from the Candidates Department comes in opportunely. We should like readers of the *Glad Tidings* to know that during the past months four candidates for overseas service were accepted for training. All were to enter the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home this autumn. Unfortunately, for family reasons, one of the four had to withdraw in August. The other three—Mrs. Langdon W. Gehman, Reg.N., of Galt (R. R. 7), Ontario, Miss Helena W. Gibbs, of Simcoe, Ontario, and Miss Margaret F. Kennedy, of Montreal, Quebec, are now in residence at 156 St. George Street, Toronto, beginning their missionary preparation for service abroad.

Mildred Gehman is an Ontario teacher of some experience, and is also a graduate of the Brantford General Hospital with experience in nursing. At the end of a year in the Training Home it is expected that she will be appointed to nursing service in Szepingkai, Manchuria.

Helena Gibbs is a graduate of the Toronto Bible College. She has senior matriculation standing, also business training, and has given some time to the study of music. After her year in the Training Home Miss Gibbs will have given four years to preparation for missionary service, and it is the hope of the Council Executive that she will go to Szepingkai, Manchuria, as an evangelist.

With the appointment to service in Manchuria of these two well-equipped young women, a long cherished hope will be realized.

Margaret Kennedy, our third candidate in the Training Home, is planning to take the full deaconess course, covering a period of two years. Miss Kennedy was born and educated in England, having reached matriculation standing before coming to Canada. She has business training and experience, and when she is graduated from the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, should be ready for service at home or overseas.

We are assured that uppermost in the mind of each of these candidates is the thought of serving Christ in the far places, and it is with high hopes of what each may do in His name that we look forward to her association with our Women's Missionary Society.

STUDENTS

THE Student Christian Movement of Canada has taken a new step in missionary education. The former Missionary Education Council, made up of Student Volunteer, Student Christian Movement and Mission Board people, which was set up after ''Buffalo'', has since ''Indianapolis'' become an executive committee of the National Council of the S. C. M. It is now called the Missionary Council and has as its special secretary Rev. Philip R. Beattie, of Wycliffe College, who is the new third S. C. M. National Secretary. Closer co-operation with the Canadian Mission Boards is being sought and obtained. Our Women's Missionary Society is represented on this Missionary Council, and has promised greater interest as well as financial aid.

Miss Lilyan Leung is this year using the scholarship won at her graduation from the Women's College Hospital. She is taking the course in Hospital Administration at the University of Toronto and is living at the Hospital Residence.

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LANTERN SLIDES

A SET of slides dealing with the pioneer work in our western mission fields was prepared by Dr. Kannawin after his trip last fall. There are thirty-one slides, and a lecturette goes with these, which may be supplemented by information from the *Record* and the *Glad Tidings.* As changes come frequently in the staff and as missionaries are moved from one station to another, it is almost impossible to call in the eight sets which are distributed to the provinces each time a change is made, but it is a very easy matter for those using the slides to refer to these changes which are always recorded in the *Record* and the *Glad Tidings.*

In preparing a programme it is advisable to have a study of the field at one meeting and then if possible use slides at the next meeting, as they will prove much more interesting if the audience knows something of the work.

The Department had hoped to have new pictures from British Guiana, but they have not arrived. As soon as the set is ready, announcement will be made in the *Record* and the *Glad Tidings.*

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LIBRARY

MISS JOHNSON ELKART, public school teacher of Smeaton, Sask., has started a Sunday School in the school-house and Bibles and Hymn books have been sent out to her. The Sunday School is making very satisfactory progress and children are much interested in the work.

From Northern Alberta where the fields are so far apart requests came for Bibles for the use of the missionary at Grande Prairie, also for copies of the New Testament and the Psalms for distribution at the outlying stations of the field.

From Dinsmore, Sask., has come a letter thanking the W.M.S. for Bibles and Hymn books. When they were taken to the Church the children were so happy to receive Bibles, as some had never had one of their own.

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OUR SCHOOL RESIDENCES AND HOSPITALS

IT is interesting to note that two of our Residences, Huntingdon and Saskatoon, report the largest attendance for some years, all available corners being used as dormitories. When we remember the dark days through which Saskatchewan has passed, it is particularly gratifying to know that in that Province which has been so hard pressed the Saskatoon Residence is filled. The finances of these Residences, too, are in a healthy condition and the record of the pupils very commendable.

A very successful summer school was held at Saskatoon, and a conference at Huntingdon. These were largely attended and will long be remembered. The lectures and studies proved very helpful.

Our Hospitals, too, have been kept busy throughout the past year, and through the untiring efforts of the Superintendents and their staffs splendid work has been done. Both Hospitals, the Hugh Waddell at Canora, Saskatchewan, and the Rolland M. Boswell at Vegreville, Alberta, are so well managed that all through the difficult times they have been able to carry on without contributions for maintenance.

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OUR DEACONESSES-AT-LARGE

WE are glad to report progress in our new venture of sending a nurse-deaconess into the Peace River District. Miss Helen Madill who was sent into that field last April has surely found favour among the people there. One letter says, ''We thank you for sending Nurse Madill to us; the need is so great.'' In another we read, ''Miss Madill is doing splendid work among the girls and they are very fond of her.'' Miss Mary Todd says, ''Miss Madill seems to enjoy her work and we are very happy together.'' Miss Madill herself writes: ''Before leaving the East, I thought I had a fairly good vision of the Brownvale mission field, but not until I was here a while did I realize the vastness of the work, the distances between the districts being so great and the roads so often in poor condition. The first travelling seemed difficult and very tiring, but now a buggy trip of thirty-five to forty miles a day is quite a common occurrence, happening nearly every Sunday and usually several times during the week, and one doesn't think of it as a hardship. We have eight districts and the work is varied, each district differing in its requirements spiritually and medically. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in Mission Bands, girls' groups, and women's organizations, also taking part in Church services and Sunday Schools; finding the busier one is the greater the joy in service. Nursing in a field such as this is very different from anything I had ever experienced before; one is called upon at all hours and is expected to be able to diagnose and treat all kinds of ailments, even extracting teeth and doing minor operations. Very little time is left for loneliness and I know that when I am settled in the new house in the northern part of the field I shall still enjoy the work that has been given me.''

In order that Miss Madill may be located in a more central part of the district, the Women's Missionary Society are planning to build a little home for her farther north than Brownvale, where she is at present residing with Miss Todd. When this home is built, patients will be able to visit the nurse and benefit from the small dispensary we are hoping to have in the house. Then, too, it will be a ''Haven of Rest'' for Miss Todd on her long trips into the north country.

In a recent report Miss Todd says, ''Rev. Mr. Fraser has gone out for a couple of weeks' holidays, so Miss Madill and I are in full charge of the work. Miss Madill is preparing her first sermon for Sunday and will preach at Blue Hawk, while I go to Lac Cardinal and Figure Eight.'' From this we see that Miss Madill is ministering not only to the physical needs of the people but to the spiritual.

Some time ago an urgent request came from Macleod Presbytery for a deaconess for a district in Southern Alberta where there is a vast field open for Christian work. This district includes Shaughnessy, a mining settlement where no Church service had been held for years until last summer when a student was sent in by the Presbyterian Church. There is at this point an excellent opportunity for both women's and young people's work. Picture Butte, Plain Butte and Rolling Hill, with their surrounding areas, are other points where a number of Scotch settlers are anxious for Presbyterian services. In this district there is a large beet sugar factory employing a large number of people.

In order that this district might have the services of a deaconess, it was necessary to make some adjustment of the fields. Miss Frieda Matthews was, therefore, taken from Red Deer Presbytery and placed in Southern Alberta under Macleod Presbytery, while Miss Hazel Macdonald was removed from the city of Winnipeg and sent to Red Deer to take Miss Matthews' place.

Miss Matthews in writing just after her arrival at Shaughnessy says: ''Have been here for a few days. There seems to be plenty of work for me to do. I plan to go this afternoon to Plain Butte and arrange for the service there on Sunday. Yesterday I was at Rolling Hill to make a call and sent word to the school that I would be at service in that district Sunday morning.'' Thus does Miss Matthews start her mission among a new people. We pray that her ministry may bear abundant fruit.

During the summer months a new piece of survey work was done in Algoma Presbytery by Miss Roberta Smith. In Sault Ste. Marie Miss Smith was able to organize a Ukrainian Mission Band and visit a number of these new Canadians. Visitation was also made of Webbwood, Massey, Sowerby and Bar River. In Massey and Bar River Miss Smith organized Mission Bands, and a Young Women's Auxiliary at Bar River, while at Massey an Associate Society was formed in connection with the Ladies' Aid. From these contacts we are hopeful that other organizations will be formed in North Bay Presbyterial.

So the work of this Department progresses. Would that our members could visualize the need for deaconesses in many of the distant parts of our Dominion and in large cities where young people's work lacks leadership! Much could be accomplished for our Church at large, were we able to assign workers to these needy fields.

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WELCOME AND WELFARE

THE Hungarian congregation in Toronto is under the leadership of Mr. Charles Steinmetz, third year student at Knox College, and Mrs. Steinmetz, part-time deaconess. They meet temporarily for Church services in Scott Institute at Elm and Elizabeth Streets. The membership during the past four years has grown to approximately 100. There is a lively Sunday School of 55 children with 5 teachers; also a Women's Association with 30 members and an active Young People's Society with 35 members. The chief aim and constant prayer of the people is to build a suitable church home. Financially, they are making better progress than ever. This year this congregation has sent in towards the Budget of our Church $5.00 a month. But their greatest achievement was the purchase of a lot, 40 x 134, for the new church home at 206 McCaul Street. For the building the congregation has also a substantial sum in the bank, and hopes that work on the church may actually be started some time in the next year. This congregation would gratefully acknowledge the assistance given them in this work by members of other Presbyterian congregations.

Miss Mary Murray continues her visiting in the Toronto hospitals and the Mercer Reformatory. Of the latter Miss Murray says: ''This wonderful institution is a hive of industry, with one purpose—to correct and build up those who, through various circumstances, find themselves there. For those who have previously, perhaps, been a law unto themselves some careful adjusting is needed to correct old habits, and the Parole Board (of which Mrs. D. Strachan is a member), the Superintendent and the teachers of factory work, laundry, cooking, needlecraft, and other housework have no easy task, yet in love day by day the seed is sown. Another influence at work is the morning worship and the regular Sunday services.'' Every Saturday afternoon Miss Murray visits those who are registered as Presbyterians. It is very interesting, she says, to watch the adjustment in body, mind, and spirit, as she meets them from time to time, always with a word of encouragement and cheer. How often before a girl goes out she sincerely bears this testimony: ''It was good for me to be here!''

Mrs. Frank Kovacs, the wife of our Hungarian pastor in Hamilton, and herself one of our part-time workers, went to Hungary for the summer with her husband. He has returned, but she and the children are remaining there for the present with her mother. We hope that her visit will do much to refresh her in mind and body after her arduous work among the Hungarians in Bekevar, Saskatchewan, and Hamilton, Ontario. We feel sure that she will have a valuable contribution to make when she returns.

At the Christmas season it is hoped that our women will be filled with a spirit of true neighbourliness, especially towards the new Canadians, who, far from their own land and people, are making such a rich contribution to the life of Canada, and towards the sick and the aged who may be lonely and in need of help.

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CHINESE IN CANADA

AS we look back on 1936, there are many interesting and encouraging things we might chronicle. We are concentrating more and more on the kindergarten and young people's work, and more and more, as educational facilities have been opened to them, Chinese students are taking their place among the young people of the country.

Our Miss Dickson spoke at the Young People's rally in Hamilton, at Thanksgiving time, and we had a group of young Chinese people from Toronto there as delegates. At the banquet they were an interesting group in their Chinese dress.

In September, Rev. Mr. Leung, of Victoria, celebrated his Silver Jubilee as the minister of that Church, and greetings were brought from the other Victoria Churches and from the Presbytery of Victoria. Solomon Leung, his son, who is a student at McGill, attended the celebration and spoke to the young people at the Sunday service.

It is interesting to note that Rev. Mr. Leung, of Victoria, has given us two students, Solomon of McGill, and Lilyan, a graduate nurse, and from the family of Rev. Mr. Yeung, of Vancouver, we have Lily, our kindergarten teacher in Toronto, and Pansy, now a student of the University of Toronto.

BRITISH GUIANA

AN interesting service, the first of its kind in the history of the missionary work of our Church in British Guiana, was held in St. Cuthbert's Church, Georgetown, a few months ago, when Miss Edna Janki and Miss Violet Debidin were designated for service among the East Indian women.

A summer camp for girls, in the lovely grounds of the Essequibo Manse beside the ocean, was attended by twenty girls under the leadership of Miss Davies and Miss Storey. Divine worship and Bible study had a prominent place in their programme. The girls, as well as the leaders, are most enthusiastic and hope to make it an annual event.

A new teacher has been added to the staff of the Girls' High School and Miss Davies expects to have more time to visit the women in their homes and learn more of their needs.

The two High School buildings were freshly painted during the summer holidays so that teachers and pupils began their work with greater enthusiasm and expect to surpass former achievements.

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MANCHURIA AND SOUTH CHINA

UNDER the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the outstanding name during this generation has been that of the Reverend Jonathan Goforth, D.D. To-day he ''rests from his labours'' and the Church is bereaved from coast to coast. But his ''works do follow him.''

We are happy to report that we have accepted two highly trained candidates for work abroad, who are at present in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, and who expect to leave for Manchuria next year. This is our answer to Doctor Goforth's plea for workers in that needy land for whose salvation he spent his life.

There is rejoicing in Szepingkai over the erecting of comfortable quarters in ''the nicest part of the town'' for our missionaries.

Much blessing attended the most recent training classes conducted by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Reoch. The women of all grades of intelligence were most responsive. A strong missionary spirit prevailed evidenced by a new move made to reach the Mongol women with the Gospel.

In recently expressing the gratitude of the Christian Literature Society for our additional grant this year, Mrs. MacGillivray suggested a further gift for their Jubilee year 1937—that of publishing a book of one of their brilliant young Christian Chinese women. We can scarcely think of that Society without Mrs. MacGillivray whose retirement took place in June. There could be no greater evidence of her love for the Chinese children than that in connection with the *Happy Childhood* magazine all those long years.

From the South through both Doctor Fisher and Mrs. Burkwall the old Macedonian call comes again, ''Come over and help us.'' Mrs. Burkwall leaves China next year for an indefinite period, as Mr. Burkwall retires. A leader, therefore, is needed for the spiritual and partly trained women who, with supervision, are doing such excellent work. We are endeavouring to find such an one.

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NORTH FORMOSA

READERS of last month's *Glad Tidings* had an opportunity to form some idea of the anxiety and stress that have filled the days of our missionaries during the negotiations in connection with the transfer of the Boys' School and the Girls' School to the Japanese Government. It is only fitting that we should express to these faithful missionaries in North Formosa our appreciation of their efforts to protect the interests of our Mission and our gratitude that, in their dealings with the Japanese Government, they have upheld the cause of Christian evangelism. As a result of this, we look forward prayerfully and hopefully to widening and deepening expansion in our evangelistic work.

Miss Adams, since obtaining her degree (B.Sc.) at Columbia University, has spent two years in Tokyo studying the Japanese language and at the same time gaining a knowledge of modern kindergarten methods in Japan. She has returned to Formosa and will supervise the kindergartens of our North Formosa Mission.

Miss Hermanson, who has had an unusually heavy year's work in Mackay Memorial Hospital, by reason of Miss Chisholm's resignation, necessitated by illness in their home, has received the well-deserved honour of appointment as Superintendent of Nurses in the hospital. She, too, has been studying Japanese as much as her duties will permit. Her furlough is due in 1937.

Miss Weir, one of the most recent additions to our staff, has lived up to her reputation as an untiring worker. In addition to studying the Formosan and Japanese languages, she has helped as much as possible in the hospital.

Miss Burdick, Principal of the Women's School, is looking forward to another successful year. She is also Secretary of the North Formosa Mission Council, but Miss Taylor has offered to relieve her of part of the secretarial and bookkeeping work.

Miss Taylor, after spending two years in language study in Tokyo, has returned to Formosa, and with her assistant has already forty pupils in piano, organ and singing. She also teaches singing and organ at the Theological College. She is looking forward to her furlough and expects to come to Canada in April, 1937.

Miss Newbury, who had taught for a number of years in Japan, was engaged as acting principal of the Girls' School during the absence of the principal, Miss Douglas, while she studies Japanese in Tokyo. Miss Newbury's knowledge of the Japanese people and their system of government has been of great value during the recent negotiations relating to the transfer of the schools.

Miss Douglas, on her return from her furlough, went to Tokyo to study the Japanese language and has now entered on her second year of study there. At the end of that time, she expects to return to Formosa.

Miss Heighton, who sailed for Formosa from Vancouver a little over a year ago, has spent that time in studying both the Formosan and Japanese languages and has now gone to Tokyo to take the course.

To each of our missionaries we extend our heartiest greetings for a very, very happy Christmas and a year of constant and increasing success.

INDIA

THE first wedding on the Jhansi Compound took place on August 25th, when Miss Eleanor McKechnie, since 1932 a missionary under the W.M.S., was married to Mr. John L. Cheshire, an evangelistic missionary of the Church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Benlaher, of the Disciples Mission, assisted by Rev. D. E. McDonald. Miss Bessie MacMurchy was bridesmaid and Mr. Angus MacKay groomsman. After the ceremony there was a reception at the Girls' Hostel at which it was estimated over 700 Indians were present, besides the Europeans. Before Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire left on a motor trip there was a luncheon at Mr. and Mrs. MacKay's for the guests from the mission staffs—the Women's Union Mission, the Disciples Mission, the American Presbyterian Mission, the Assemblies of God Mission, an Independent Mission, and the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. Several from Jobat and Amkhut were present, besides the Jhansi missionaries.

Finding it impossible to reply directly to all organizations that have written to her since Dr. Goforth's death, Mrs. Goforth asked to have this note published in the *Glad Tidings*.

102 Wellesley Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Friends:

Your messages of loving sympathy and wonderful tributes to the grace of God in my beloved husband, who is gone on a little before, have almost overwhelmed me.

At a time like this the ''ministry of sympathy'' is very precious, but with the hundreds of these wonderful messages beside me, I cannot do more than thank you in this public way—asking all to whom I cannot write direct will please accept this public acknowledgment. I cannot tell you how much this wave of sympathy has helped me at this time. Underneath have indeed been the Everlasting Arms.

How gladly would I go to be with my beloved, but a task seems to be laid upon me—that of writing the story of his wonderful life. For this I crave your prayers, that the story may be written, as the Lord guides, for His glory only.

Yours gratefully,
Rosalind Goforth.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.—Nahum 1: 7.

The Indian Diamond Jubilee

With their long record of work with the Indians of Western Canada, among them those of the Mistawasis Reserve, as well as their concern with what has to do with the history of the country, the members of the W.M.S. are interested in the Indian Jubilee celebration in August. For information in regard to it we are indebted to the *Saskatoon Star-Phœnix*.

ON August 11th and 12th, on part of the Carlton Reserve, only a few miles from where sixty years before representatives of the Plain Crees surrendered their rights to the soil of the Saskatchewan Valley, nearly 5,000 Indians met to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the signing of Indian Treaty No. 6. It is significant that it was the Indians themselves who wished to commemorate the event. Indians from the Qu'Appelle Reserve came to take part in the celebration and present a play telling of the last great council in the Qu'Appelle Valley and depicting the progress of the Indians under the British Crown. Among those who had a prominent part in the arrangements were Rev. W. W. Moore, who was in charge of the programme, and Miss Wilna Moore.

Deep religious feeling, it is reported, marked the opening of the second day of the celebration, as members of all denominations joined in public worship. After the first hymn had been sung in English, a band of Crees, directed by Rev. Father Delmas, sang it in their own language. Rev. W. W. Moore, of the Mistawasis Reserve, read the

Scripture and introduced the speakers: Rev. Father Beaudry, long connected with the missionary work of the Roman Catholic Church, speaking on behalf of Bishop Prud'homme; Rev. W. T. Hallam, Bishop of Saskatoon, Rev. J. L. Nicol, D.D., Superintendent of Missions in Saskatchewan in the United Church of Canada; Rev. K. H. Palmer, D.D., of Prince Albert, on behalf of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Canon George Abenakaw, a Cree.

The chief event of the two-day celebration followed this service. With all the ceremony of olden days, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, was created Chief Okemow Otataowkow—''Teller of Tales''—receiving a handsome robe of cariboo skin made for him by the Indian women of Mistawasis. The Governor-General addressed the assembled chiefs in Cree, then in English, as the representative of the great grandson of the Queen with whom the treaty was made, promising to tell the King of the honour done him and of the loyalty expressed by the chiefs of the Crees. Later a finely beaded robe for His Majesty's coronation was presented to Lord Tweedsmuir. Chief Swimmer, of the Sweetgrass band, Chief Joe Dreaver, great grandson of the Mistawasis who signed the treaty on behalf of his brother chiefs, and Chief Allan Abenakaw of Sandy Lake Reserve took part in the ceremony. A bag of white leather embroidered in crimson and green had been made by the Mistawasis women to present to Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, as the representative of the Presbyterian Church in its Indian work. It was a great disappointment to them that Mrs. McKerroll was not present to receive this evidence of their appreciation of what she has done for them, but they sent it to her.

Thousands of spectators witnessed the colourful, impressive pageant representing scenes from the negotiation and signature of the treaty. After the arrival of the band, and the pitching of the chief's teepee, old Fort Carlton was described, and the officials getting news of the commissioners' approach and sending out police to escort them, then the assembling of all for the historic council, all parts being taken by Indians. ''The spectators saw sons of chieftains who doubted the wisdom of their surrender of their hereditary rights take the parts of the British commissioners who had framed the terms. They heard again the solemn promise of the agents of the Crown that the terms would stand 'as long as the sun shines and water flows'.''

Anxious to show their appreciation of the assistance given them in the Jubilee celebration, the Indians of the Sweetgrass band later made plans to admit into honorary membership of the tribe Rev. W. W. Moore and Miss Wilna Moore, who officially welcomed the Governor-General and Lady Tweedsmuir as they entered the Reserve, ''as soon as the head chiefs have decided upon names that will fittingly reflect their interest in the Indians over a period of years.''

Prayer

THOU Father of the Lord Jesus Christ who did come as a little child to bring light and gladness to all nations, we would lift our voices in praise unto Thee at this blessed anniversary of His coming into the world. We would praise Thee jubilantly for so rich and costly a gift and we would praise Thee also with deepest gratitude. It all seems so wonderful to us, the lowly birth, the shepherds, the angel chorus, the shining star and the wise men. The majesty and glory of it all holds us as by a spell.

May the song of the angels come to each one of us to-day as clearly as it did to those shepherds of old and may we have the same eagerness to serve! We pray, O Father, that Christmas may never grow old or common-place, nor lose its glory and beauty for all Thy grown-up children. May Thy great gift to the world move us to the giving of ourselves, for others' sake, in lowly and humble service for Thine honour and glory. Fill us with the sweet peace and goodwill to all men that by our own faith and self-sacrifice we may hasten the day when the light will shine in every heart.

Wilt Thou bless at this season our homes and all family reunions. Be near especially to those whose hearts are heavy with loneliness and sorrow and our missionaries in the outposts of our own land, and those in far-away countries, as they are separated from the family circle. May they have the blessed Christmas spirit within their hearts!

At this the close of another year we would come into Thy presence with humility and thanksgiving as we remember the many blessings of which we have been constant partakers through these swiftly passing days. Thou hast truly been our good Shepherd. These blessings we ask with the forgiveness of our many sins, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

I saw a stable, low and very bare,
A little Child in a manger:
The oxen knew, and had Him in their care,
To men He was a Stranger.
The safety of the world was lying there,—
And the world's danger!

—*Selected.*

What To Read

BY MARGARET NESS

LET us choose your Christmas book gifts for you. Titles are often so misleading that you might foist a "white elephant" on the recipient. Times have so changed the idea behind Ralph Connor's **Sky Pilot** that one can sympathize with the youngster who complained, "I thought it was going to be about an aviator, but it's about a minister". A fascinating story is the **Sky Pilot**, but not what the boy was expecting and, therefore, disappointing. So, with the lure of a title in mind, I suggest— "Let us shop for you." We have a wide range of books which were greatly reduced in price in our fall stock-taking.

Boys' Books: The Boys' Life of Christ (50 cents); **Kidnapped** (15 cents), adventures of a Scottish lad, by R. L. Stevenson; **Spirit Fire** (75 cents), a North American Indian tale of the early days; **Men Who Stood Alone** (35 cents), twelve stories woven around dramatic incidents in the lives of the prophets of the Old Testament.

Girls' Books: The Island of Faith (35 cents) a human, touching story of a Settlement House in the East Side district of New York where Rose-Marie meets the Young Doctor; also a number of school stories.

Junior: Tales Told in Korea; Andersen's Fairy Tales; Robinson Crusoe. All are 25 cents each.

Adult: Some travel books, such as **The Beautiful Isle of Mull; Border By-ways and Lothian Lore**, 25 cents each; **Dr. Jessie MacBean**, 20 cents; some biographical pamphlets, *e.g.*, **Mackay of Formosa**, 10 cents.

May we recommend for Sunday School Superintendents and teachers **Five Minutes with the Boys' and Girls' Congregation** (25 cents). This book, in its second edition now, is in the reduced list and should prove of great value in preparing work for the boys' and girls' department.

So, if you have no definite book in mind and would like us to select the Christmas gift, please give us the approximate price to be paid, the age and sex of the reader, the type of book desired (fiction, religious, missionary, travel, biographical).

We hope to have the **Life of Miss Agnes Dickson**, missionary to the Chinese both in China and Canada, ready for the Christmas trade. Approximate price, 45 cents. Write to the office for particulars.

Two new leaflets are now available: **Our Korean Work in Japan**, telling of the beginning and growth of the work (7 cents); and **Dr. Jonathan Goforth**, a short account of his life and work (7 cents).

News flash! Christmas gift suggestion: **In the Steps of St. Paul**, by H. V. Morton. Just off the press. Price $2.50.

OUR LETTER BOX

Canton, China.

THE fall work is starting out wonderfully well. We have a splendid spirit amongst our workers—better, I feel, than we have ever had before. Since the new régime here in Canton, a new spirit of hope and courage seems to be taking hold of the people. The last governor was not favourable towards Christianity. The present régime is very favourable; as a matter of fact, a number of the government officials are avowedly Christian. With all these favourable conditions the Church has new spirit and also new responsibilities. Let us pray that we may have wisdom to grasp these opportunities and to see God's hand in the events that are taking place before our very eyes.

—A. J. Fisher,
Kwangtung Synod, Church of Christ in China.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

''Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.''

AS we realize how desperately the world to-day needs this message, a vision comes of all the Christian women of the world coming, one by one, to bring the gifts of mind and heart and hand to be used by the Christ for His Kingdom of ''Peace on Earth''.

''What means that star,'' the shepherds said,
''That brightens through the rocky glen?''
And angels, answering overhead,
Sang, ''Peace on earth, goodwill to men!''

And they who do their souls no wrong,
But keep at eve the faith of morn,
Shall daily hear the angel song,
''To-day the Prince of Peace is born!''

To help fulfil this vision, let each Society plan a real Christmas meeting, its central theme being on the Message of the Prince of Peace, in song, in worship, in dedication. Let each member accept His gift of peace in her own life and in every relationship.

As we celebrate Christmas in adoration of Christ by bringing our gifts to Him, in re-dedicating our lives to His service, may we, too, tell others ''about the word which has been spoken'', and may we ''glorify God'' in life and deed.

Christmas Programme

Prelude: O Come, All Ye Faithful—Hymn 174.

Call to Worship:

O little town of Bethlehem!
Our hearts are seeking thee to-night.
We too have heard the angels sing,
"To you is born a Saviour King!"
And we have seen His guiding star
And like those wise men from afar,
We stand within the stable door
As once they stood long years before.
We scan their gifts, we hear their prayer.
O little town of Bethlehem!
We too are kneeling there with them.

Devotional Period: Theme—"The Birth of Christ."

Prophesied by Isaiah.—Isaiah 9: 2-7.
The Race That Long In Darkness Pined.—Hymn 167.

Announced to Mary.—Luke 1: 26-33.
O Little Town of Bethlehem.—Hymn 169.

Told to the Shepherds.—Luke 2: 8-20.
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night.—Hymn 168.

Told to the Wise Men.—Matthew 2: 1-11.
As With Gladness Men of Old.—Hymn 177.

Prayer: (To be repeated in unison) "O God, my Father, I remember the patient mother and rock-hewn manger in lowly Bethlehem, where lay cradled Thy love for the world. Let the trusting, loving spirit of the Child steal into my life. In willing surrender and passionate longing let me take the Christ Child to my heart, that henceforth I may live as He lived, love as He loved, and, following in His footsteps, bring help to the needy, courage to the weak, comfort to the sorrowing, and hope to the lost." Amen.

Address: A Christmas Message.

Offering: Dedicatory Prayer.

Carol (may be sung as solo): Joy to the World.

Benediction: "At this Christmas time may the light of God which shone in the face of Jesus so illumine our hearts that we will go out radiating this light into the face of the world in which we live."

Postlude: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.—Hymn 171.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Christmas

No room for Him.
We grieve that it was so.
And then we go
Busy upon our way,
With no more courtesy than they
Who turned our Lord away.

Our rooms are full,
There is so much to do,
Each day so new.
I wonder if the Lord of all
Is sad we grant Him space so small,
Less than a manger stall.

Dear Leaders and Girls:

HAVE you ever thought of the wonderful poetry that is written around the theme of Christmas? Poets in every Christian land have made the theme of the Christ-child their own, and to the singing of His praise have brought their gift of poetry to His feet and in words of beauty have sung His praise. Artists and orators have also brought their tribute and many of our finest pictures are dedicated to the Madonna and Jesus.

The story of that night in Bethlehem of Judæa has been a source of inspiration and it would almost seem as if on the recurring Christmas days since some artist in colours, words or music is impelled to give in honour of our Saviour the best that in him lies.

If the spirit of Christmas can so move these with peculiar gifts that their work is dedicated to Him, what does it do for ordinary folks? What does Christmas mean to you and me? Do we follow the example set by giving for His sake, or are our minds taken up with the idea of what we will receive? Because of what the wise men gave to Jesus, His birthday has been marked by the giving of gifts since that time, but how many gifts do we bring to Him? Somehow in our busy lives is He not forgotten? We think of gifts for all our friends and sometimes for those with whom we are not so friendly, those to whom we give simply because they have sent us presents and we feel in duty bound to give something in exchange. In doing all these things, have we really caught the spirit of Christmas, or are we trying to celebrate a birthday in which the chief Guest has been forgotten? When He came there was no room for Him and during His lifetime He was moved to say, with the nearest approach to bitterness we ever hear from His lips, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head.'' Since then has not the cry ''No room!'' been ringing down the ages? We are too busy to heed Him. We worry about our little lives, and of our own will choose the lesser good because we refuse to give Him what He asks for—a place in our lives. We have chosen the values in life that we can see and handle, and we heed not what He offers. In exchange for room in our hearts He has promised that He will live with us, to bring to us a wider vision of what life can mean, comfort in sorrow, strength in weakness, courage in danger,—all this and more—all this in return for so little—and yet we turn away and cry, ''No room just now! Go away and return later when I am older, I want to see life, I want to enjoy myself. Come back some other day.'' And so we turn Him away. We mean some day to let Him have control of our lives; we will give Him our hearts some day. So in our celebration of the Christmas season we miss the full meaning of it, because we do not give Jesus His place.

Shall we make this Christmas different from all the others we have seen by remembering, in all our giving and getting, to give Him that room in our lives that He asks; to celebrate His birthday with Him present as the Guest of honour in our midst? In all our rejoicing, let us remember that it is because He came that we have cause to be glad.

I wish for all our leaders and girls a very happy and joyous Christmas.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

A Christmas Dream

IT was midnight and Christmas Eve. The whole world of grown-ups was sound asleep. But all the children were awake, because a beautiful golden star was shining right into their faces through the deep blue of the night. Its five points beckoned to the children of Asia, Africa, Europe, America, and all the islands of the seas, and from the five corners of the earth, following down the rays of the Star, the children came. At the very centre of the world they gathered, where grew the magic Christmas tree. Lovely and alone it stood on the highest hill of all. But on it no presents could be seen; no candles were lighted; it was dark and silent and bare. And the children stood around in groups, and whispered to each other— ''Why isn't there anything on the Christmas tree?''

Just then a fairy appeared—all shining and radiant and bright—and the children gazed at her in awestruck admiration, until she spoke: ''I am Love, the Magician, and it was I who brought you all together by the light of the Star.''

Then a child from America gained courage and said: ''Good magician, please light the candles on the Christmas tree.''

''Ah!'' said Love, ''I cannot light them. I brought you here to do that.''

''How can we light them? We are only little children, and we could scarcely reach the lowest boughs. See!'' And one little girl stretched up her hand.

''This tree can only be lit by a magic word, and one of you must write it.'' Whereupon the magician put a white sign at the foot of the tree, on which was written: For ——— Children. ''Now when you put the correct word before children, a magical thing will happen.''

So the children came up one by one and wrote a word. One wrote Good, another Happy, a third Little, another White. But the tree remained dark and silent as before.

After a while, a boy of twelve from the edge of the desert, who had been sitting quietly gazing at the beautiful Star in the blue sky, came over, and wrote in a clear, round hand A—L—L.

And suddenly the tree blazed forth with light. The candles sparkled like stars, and Christmas stockings, crammed to the top, hung from every bough. Then all the children sang for joy, and danced around the tree, and as they sang the tree grew and grew till it touched the five-pointed Star, and the other stars gathered round and sang as they did in the days of old. —Viola Whitney Pratt, in *World Friends*, reprinted in *The Evangel.*

Honour Member Test

In the summer issue of the Leaders' Corner complete information was given on the Honour Member Test for Mission Bands. If any Leader has not received this, she may obtain it, free of charge, by writing to the Secretary of Publications, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto. When writing, kindly give name of Band and Church.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. M. Moodie, 2719, 14th St., S.W., Calgary, Press Seretary

CALGARY P.S.—The ladies of the Calgary Churches enjoyed a rare treat on October 1st, as they listened with rapt attention to Mrs. Induk Pak, the little Christian Korean woman, who told her life story to a large gathering in Grace Church. She related many interesting and amusing incidents in her early home life and told how her determination to get an education brought her into contact with the Christian missionaries, a contact which changed her whole life, giving her a new vision which she had a burning desire to give to the whole world.

The harvest Thank-offering meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary was held on the evening of October 14th so that the men of the congregation could attend. The guest speaker, Rev. E. Melville Aikens, pastor of Central United Church, gave an inspiring address on ''The Women's Missionary Society and What it Means to the World''. Weaving his remarks around the text ''For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,'' the speaker stressed the great need of forgetting self and reaching out to save others and also emphasized the fact that our Society must be alert in our *home* organizations, so that none of our missionaries in the foreign field should suffer from lack of interest at home. ''The world to-day,'' he said, ''needed the faith and vision of a William Carey or a David Livingstone.''

After the evening service on September 27th the Provincial Board was responsible for an enthusiastic rally of young people in the hall of Grace Church, Calgary, to bid farewell to Mr. Morton Freeman who was leaving to continue his theological studies at the Montreal College.

Red Deer P.S.—Red Deer Presbyterial met at Penhold in September. Delegates were present from Red Deer, Innisfail, Willowdale, Olds and Carstairs. Mrs. Hugh Jack presided. The devotions were led by the Willowdale delegates. Business arising from the Council's report was dealt with and the Presbyterial accepted its duty and privilege in connection with the Special Retiring Fund. The members were fortunate to have with them Mrs. F. W. Allott, who explained several items in the report and made some valuable suggestions in regard to the work. Mrs. R. J. Chrystal, of Carstairs, gave an excellent report of the Council meeting. Mrs. Jack suggested that the Auxiliaries exchange good missionary books, and Mrs. McVicar, of Red Deer, was appointed to take charge of this work.

The Welcome Mission Band of Rocky Mountain House has organized a junior choir and assists in the Church services.

Edmonton P.S.—The sympathy of the members of the Edmonton Presbyterial and all who know and love her is extended to Mrs. Sykes, Presbyterial President, in the passing of her husband, Rev. Hiram Sykes. ''There is no death. What seems so is transition'', surely applies to Mr. Sykes, who was one of God's chosen disciples. During a prolonged illness, his faith never failed, nor his interest in the work of our W.M.S. He was a wise counsellor to whom our Society was deeply indebted. Mrs. Sykes, who was his nurse and constant companion and feels her loss keenly, bows to God's will in deep humility.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S.—The fall rally of the Young Women's Leaders' Fellowship of Westminster Presbyterial was held on September 25th. Miss S. V. Scott led in the devotional period and conducted the installation of officers. After supper the girls enjoyed a social half hour of games and singing, led by Miss Muriel Harvie. The President, Mrs. M. McGlashan, announced future meetings, including those of the study group. Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, Presbyterial President, gave a short talk on "Fellowship".

With regret we report the illness of our Mission Band Secretary, Miss Acheson. This genial Irish lady presides over the manse of her brother, Rev. Robert C. Acheson, a manse that radiates hospitality and cheer. Her temporary withdrawal from active service was felt not least at the Mission Band rally in Fairview Church, Vancouver.

Miss Ellen Douglas, home from India on her first furlough, is very busy addressing meetings here and there and charming all by her bright, interesting personality. She was the speaker at the W.M.S. Thank-offering meeting at St. Stephen's, North Vancouver. The Mission Band, the girls' Blue Banner Club and the Y.P.S. were well represented and much interested in the fine lantern slides accompanying the address.

The fall rally of the Presbyterial, at Kerrisdale, was well attended, and here again Miss Douglas gave the principal address. Mrs. Wood, also of India, spoke, too. Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Provincial President, gave some of the highlights of the Council meeting.

To Mount Pleasant Church went the honour of having the farewell gathering for Miss Ethel MacDonald on the eve of her departure for Japan.

At Keats' Island Y.P. Summer Camp W.M.S. members were very welcome visitors and they were delighted with the happy combination of opportunities for physical and spiritual development afforded the young people. Mrs. Fisher (Mary Binnie), a Vancouver Presbyterian home from China (China Inland Mission), Miss Ruth Yeandle of the local Chinese Mission, and Miss Edith Sutherland, the daughter of the Supply Secretary, gave of their time and talents in carrying on the regular classes. The high spot of the season was the dedication of a splendid new Assembly Hall. Visitors that day fully taxed the resources of the camp and younger guests assisted the staff in waiting on them.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

A MEMBER of the Executive of the Brandon Presbyterial had the privilege and honour of attending Thank-offering meetings at Birtle and Elphinstone and a Sunday service at Argyle, also the three

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reserves—Rolling River, Lizard Point and Okanase. One could not but be impressed by the faithfulness of these three Auxiliaries, quite isolated and few in numbers, but cheerfully carrying on and reporting a larger offering than last year.

What a future is assured our Church in Elphinstone if the Mission Band work continues to grow as it has in the last two years, under the leadership of Mrs. White! The attendance at the noon Band was 23, all these children having given up their noon play-time; and there were 33 present after school. Both conducted their own meetings with marked efficiency.

Seeing the marked advance in our Indian Auxiliaries was more than believing, it was inspiring. At Rolling River, Miss Buckley, the missionary, occupies the Mission House which stands as a great beacon upon a hill. It is there the Indians go with all their joys and sorrows, and in time of sickness and death, sure of help, if at all possible, but always sure of sympathy. At the open W.M.S. Auxiliary meeting thirty Indian men and women were present, including Chief Wilson, who at the close of the meeting expressed his appreciation of what our Church is doing for his people. Mr. and Mrs. White also addressed the meeting.

How I wish every one could have heard that choir of twelve, with a four-piece orchestra accompanying, sing so sweetly that lovely old hymn, ''Come ye disconsolate'', as an anthem at the Thank-offering on the Okanase Reserve, where Mr. and Mrs. White are the missionaries in charge! Mrs. D. Blackbird and Mrs. P. Burn conducted the devotional service. This work is surely bearing fruit. At Lizard Point Reserve the feeling of thankfulness was not only in the heart of every one; it was really in the air—for the long-hoped and prayed-for new church was actually started. The work, all volunteer, is being done by the Indians under the direction of the missionary, Mr. Crump, and Mr. Stone, the architect. As many as eleven men with their teams are at work each day; in fact, some are there every day. To these workers Mrs. Crump and her daughter serve a very appetizing dinner and lunch. There is also a farm instructor on this reserve and to encourage the growing of vegetables they have a garden competition, with prizes of $3, $2, and $1, and an extra prize for a 100 per cent. garden. To encourage better house-keeping, the doctor is also giving a special prize.

The Church was filled to capacity for the Thank-offering meeting and their beautiful quilt was on display. At the close of the service Rev. E. H. Lockhart united in marriage Willie Bird and Mary Ann Richard. Willie is an ex-pupil of Birtle school and he and his parents are members of the Church.

At the Birtle school every one was well and happy, all showing a marked gain in weight during September, but if environment counts for

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anything it should be so, for they live in such comfortable surroundings and in an atmosphere conducive to their best development. Rev. E. H. and Mrs. Lockhart and their very competent staff are carrying on a very fine programme of study and practical work.

The autumn Thank-offering meeting of First Church W.M.S. Auxiliary, Winnipeg, on the evening of October 7th, was well attended. Mrs. Nevin McWilliams presided and the pastor, Rev. W. Gordon MacLean, conducted the devotional service. The speaker was Dr. Jessie MacBean, who gave a most inspiring address on ''The Women of China—Past and Present.'' Dr. MacBean spoke of the new day dawning for China, where many advances have been made during the past thirty years. Women are being educated and there is great hope that educated women will help to make China Christian. She spoke of the splendid work done in Hackett Medical College and the wonderful discoveries made along medical lines.

ONTARIO

Mrs. J. R. Sanderson, 166 Hammersmith Ave., Toronto, Press Secretary

THE Provincial Board of Management held its fall meeting in Calvin Church, Toronto, on October 8th and 9th, Mrs. J. A. Hilts presiding. At the opening session word of the sudden passing of Dr. Jonathan Goforth, revered veteran missionary, was received. Silent tribute was paid to his memory and a message of sympathy sent to Mrs. Goforth.

Discussion of departmental work was led by the Secretaries, while Presbyterial Presidents presented their problems and told of their successes. Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, Treasurer, urged closer monthly attention to the financial department of each Presbyterial. A little more effort on the part of each Auxiliary member would make a vast difference at the close of the year.

Miss Ellen Anderson, home on her first furlough from Kobe, Japan, Miss Margaret Ness, Secretary of Publications, and Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary, were introduced to the members, each responding with a few words about her work. Mrs. B. Marwick, Temiskaming P.S., told of a small group of settlers twenty miles north of Cochrane who have made definite plans to erect a log building, 20 ft. x 30 ft., to be used for services, material to be given and work done by themselves, except the roof, which will be paid for by money received from a Y.P.S. of Windsor.

At the open meeting on Thursday evening in Knox Church, Rev. N. A. MacEachern, Toronto, gave an instructive talk on Home Missions, illustrated by the new slides ''Pioneers''. Rev. M. A. Campbell, D.D., Montreal, Moderator of the General Assembly, gave the address of the

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evening, congratulating the W.M.S. on their work and expressing the hope that the same efficient organization would soon characterize the general missionary work of the Church.

Presbyterial Executives and Auxiliaries have expressed their sorrow in the death of Dr. Jonathan Goforth and have sent messages of prayerful remembrance to Mrs. Goforth and her family.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Cardinal, Brockville P.S., combined their Golden Jubilee and Thank-offering meeting. Visitors from other Auxiliaries brought greetings. An historical review was given by Mrs. Nathaniel Hunter and the address by Mrs. W. D. Turner, Winchester. Life Memberships were presented to Miss Margaret Byers and Miss Nellie McQuade. A birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Catharine Miller, the oldest member of the Auxiliary, after the lighting of the candles by Mrs. Dan Brown.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Chesterville, entertained Dunbar Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Weegar. Rev. G. Extence addressed the members, and Mrs. Barrie read a paper on Missionary Current Events. St. Andrew's presented a Life Membership to Mrs. A. Black, a pin to Mrs. R. J. Barrie, and Junior Certificates and pins to Gwelda McGillivray and Agnes McNaul of the Mission Band.

At the Lindsay P.S. semi-annual meeting in Cannington, Mrs. R. Moynan, Hamilton, gave an inspirational address. Rev. J. Kennedy, Sonya, brought greetings from Presbytery. In honour of Miss M. Gould, past President of the Presbyterial, twenty-three two-year subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* were sent for distribution in the north country.

Penetanguishene, Barrie P.S., enjoyed an illustrated lecture on South America, given by Rev. R. Johnston, missionary from Bolivia. The Auxiliary honoured Mrs. Barbour, an esteemed member, prior to her departure for her new home. Sectional meetings continue to give help and inspiration. Meetings at Bradford, Sunnidale Corners, Coldwater and Collingwood were addressed by Miss Mabel Booth, Toronto, Mrs. Charles Steinmetz, Toronto, Mrs. K. N. Cooper and Mrs. George Park. At the Thank-offering at Oro, Miss M. E. Anderson gave an interesting address on her work with the Koreans.

A sectional meeting of Orangeville P.S. in Ventry Church, Price's Corners, with Mrs. J. A. Grant in the chair, was declared one of the best yet. All greatly enjoyed the splendid address by Miss M. E. Anderson, who also presided over the question box, assisted by Mrs. C. E. Jones.

Mrs. A. C. Stewart presided at the well-attended fall rally of Toronto P.S. in Glenview Church, Toronto. Rev. A. A. Lowther, Jhansi, India, spoke at the afternoon session on ''The Message of Christianity to the Women of India.'' At the evening session, in charge of the Y.W. Department, Miss M. E. Anderson and Miss Laura K. Pelton spoke.

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Their thirty-fifth anniversary was celebrated at the Thank-offering meeting of Fidelis Y.W.A. of Dovercourt Church, Toronto. Miss Lundia MacBeth, President, welcomed former members and friends. Mrs. A. C. Stewart congratulated the Auxiliary on past achievements and extended good wishes for the future. Reminiscences of former Presidents were enjoyed. Miss E. M. Harraden gave a talk on ''Faithfulness'' and presented Life Memberships to Miss Jean Cowan, Miss Margaret Thomson, Miss Sophia Thomson, Miss L. Currie and Miss Edith Winning. The birthday cake was cut by Mrs. A. McCullough, first President. Representatives of many Y.W. Auxiliaries attended a supper meeting in Knox Church, when Miss E. M. Harraden, Y.W. Secretary, spoke on the work of her department. Mrs. J. B. McLean, Maple, reported an increase in subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings*. Supplies were on display.

Large numbers attended Mission Band rallies at Paris and Tillsonburg, Paris P.S., when Mrs. R. A. Paterson directed attractive programmes, given by the members. Mrs. Adams, Toronto, was the principal speaker. She also sang for the children in Chinese and showed them an idol and other interesting articles. Mrs. T. E. Langford, Simcoe, spoke words of encouragement and presented five Junior Certificates.

Five sectional meetings in Guelph P.S. at Alma, Acton, Preston, Waterloo, and Duff's Church, Puslinch, were all well attended by members of Auxiliaries, Y.W. Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. Miss M. E. Anderson, of Japan, and Mrs. B. Marwick, Cochrane, addressed all five meetings, Miss Anderson telling of seeing the transforming grace of the Gospel in the lives of the Koreans, and Mrs. Marwick giving a graphic description of Church work in Northern Ontario.

At successful sectional meetings in Riverside, Dover and Thamesville, Chatham P.S., Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, Ottawa, gave stimulating and encouraging addresses. Mrs. S. M. Ferguson also spoke briefly.

At St. Andrew's Y.W. Auxiliary meeting, Sarnia, an In Memoriam for Mrs. Mary Crockard was given to her daughter, Miss Margaret Crockard, and a Life Membership to Miss Roberta Fawcett. Miss McLaughlin spoke on mission work in Eastern Canada.

Some 120 young Presbyterians and their leaders attended a rally in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, Lanark and Renfrew P.S., with Miss Jean McLaren, Forester's Falls, in charge. At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Rev. H. A. Berlis gave an address on ''The Greatest Wonder in the World.'' Thank-offering meetings at Pembroke and Renfrew were addressed by Dr. Margaret O'Hara, Smith's Falls, while Rev. Macbeath Miller spoke in Smith's Falls. The executive of Lanark and Renfrew met in Carleton Place, Mrs. H. Cochrane, Arnprior, presiding. Reports showed an increase over the corresponding period last year.

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QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, 128 Ellice St., Beauharnois, Press Secretary

THE Quebec Provincial Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada held its semi-annual meeting on October 20th in Knox Crescent Church. The President, Miss C. E. Cameron, occupied the chair. There was a large attendance of representatives from the Quebec Presbyterial.

The reports of the Departmental Secretaries presented at the morning session showed encouraging progress, and the Treasurer reported that contributions had amounted to $7,581.41, besides supply work. The district Vice-Presidents gave an account of the activities in their districts, showing marked increases, in most cases, in membership, supplies and contributions.

At the afternoon session, the work of Tyndale House was presented by Miss E. M. Murray, that in connection with immigration by Miss Iris Munro, and work among Chinese women and children by Miss Agnes I. Dickson. Mrs. A. C. Gouldthorpe gave a report of Huntingdon School Residence and Mrs. D. M. Rowat of the Leaders' Conference at Huntingdon.

Mrs. J. W. Dougherty gave a very informative address on ''Our Overseas Representatives'', with biographical sketches of the twenty-six overseas workers of the W.M.S. The closing words were spoken by Mrs. G. W. Grier.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Secretary

PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—During the first two weeks of September Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, and Mrs. R. G. McKay, Presbyterial President, visited all W.M.S. organizations in the Prince Albert Presbyterial, except one which will be visited later by the President. This Presbyterial is a scattered one, and these visits meant travelling 600 miles by car.

A very enthusiastic group of women of Meath Park and Weirdale Auxiliaries, also from the Pine Valley district, gathered in the Weirdale School. A similar rally of the members of Melfort and Tisdale Auxiliaries was held at Tisdale. Interested Associate Society groups were visited at Carragana and Crescent Hill. A very interesting Sunday service was held at Mistawasis Indian School. Gatherings were also arranged with the Girl Guides of Tisdale, the Lucy Baker Y.W.A., the C.G.I.T. Group, and the James Nisbet Auxiliary in Prince Albert. A new Mission Band has recently been organized at Meath Park and the C.G.I.T. Group at Lens has a prospective leader to carry on. Miss Lamont's messages were very acceptable and should prove a great incentive to the women to carry on the work more efficiently and courageously.

Saskatoon P.S.—At St. Andrew's Mission Band annual meeting in

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September the Band officers themselves were in charge. Before supper Miss Helen Ross delighted the children with a story. A splendid feeling of co-operation exists between the Senior Auxiliary and the Mission Band.

The sectional meeting in St. Andrew's Church, North Battleford, was one of the most representative and enthusiastic gatherings ever held in this section. Miss Lamont, the special speaker, dealt with the work of the W.M.S. throughout the ''home'' field in Canada. Reports from Secretaries all showed progress. The Home Helpers Secretary reported that the Women's League of Traynor had become a Home Helpers unit. Ten ladies were present from Traynor, a hundred miles away, and eight from Wilkie, a distance of fifty miles. A very enjoyable social hour followed the meeting, with fifty ladies present.

Parkview Auxiliary held a Cradle Roll Day. The executive was delighted with the splendid response of the mothers and children. The Saskatoon Presbyterial sub-executive met on October 5th, with all members present. Miss Lamont gave a very interesting report of her work in this Presbyterial. She advised a survey of Auxiliaries and the appointment of leaders in various sections with a view to extending the work.

Moose Jaw P.S.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Weyburn, was held in October. A tea was held and a special programme given. Several members represented the following missionary workers: Miss Ferguson, Principal of the Deaconess Training Home in Toronto; Miss Cuddy, Superintendent of the hospital at Canora, Sask.; Miss Dickson, worker among the Chinese; Mrs. Kovacs, worker among the Hungarians, and also a deaconess-at-large.

Regina P.S.—Reports have come from Nokomis and other points in Regina Presbyterial, paying tribute to the helpful visits of Miss Lamont. Meetings were held at Govan with representatives from Eddy, Arlington Beach, Dunkeld and Nokomis Auxiliaries; and at Weyburn with representatives from Heward, Arcola and Estevan. Miss Lamont also visited Moosomin, Whitewood, Broadview, Qu'Appelle and Regina.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Assiniboia, held a very successful Thank-offering meeting on October 27th at the home of Mrs. McDonald. The guest speaker, Miss Lamont, traced the different steps in colonization in Canada and outlined the progress of the W.M.S. up to the present. She forcefully explained our duty towards the latest colonization—in the North Land, where eighty per cent. of the people are from the dried-out prairie. Of the population of 10,000 only a few are being reached with religious services. She advocated snappy, well-prepared programmes for our Auxiliary meetings, with every woman in the congregation either a Home Helper or an active member. Her address was supplemented by a few remarks from the new minister, Rev. Younger Lewis. An evening meeting followed at the home of the President, Mrs. Ottley.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF W.M.S. WORKERS

***Indians in Canada.** Mr. E. W. Byers (Principal), Mrs. E. W. Byers (Matron), Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, Ont.; Rev. E. H. Lockhart (Principal), Mrs. E. H. Lockhart (Matron), Birtle, Man.; Rev. W. Moore (Teacher, Mistawasis Reserve), Leask, Sask.

***Hospitals.** Miss Mary W. Cuddy (Superintendent), Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.; Miss A. L. McPherson (Superintendent), Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.

Deaconesses, Welcome and Welfare. Miss Helen Madill and Miss Mary Todd, Brownvale, Alta.; Miss M. Allan, 43 Loudon St., Hamilton, Ont.; Miss Iris Munro, Apt. 1, 2447 Madison Ave., Montreal, Que.; Miss Hazel Macdonald, R.R. 3, Red Deer, Alta.; Miss Violet Scott, 510-3rd Ave., New Westminster, B.C.; Miss Lily Macarthur, 2126 Osler St., Regina, Sask.; Miss Helen Ross, 916 Spadina Cres., Saskatoon, Sask.; Miss Frieda Matthews, Shaughnessy, Alta.; Miss Mabel Booth, 3 Nealon Ave., Mrs. M. Fesenko, 152 Donlands Ave., Miss Mary Murray, Apt. 1, Spruce Court, Spruce St., Mrs. Chas. Steinmetz, 564 Spadina Ave., all of Toronto, Ont.; Miss Margaret Grigor, Wanham, Alta.

***Presbyterian Residences.** Mrs. A. C. Gouldthorpe (Superintendent), Huntingdon, Que.; Miss Margaret Robertson (Superintendent), New Liskeard, Ont.; Miss Elizabeth Geddes (Superintendent), 916 Spadina Cres., Saskatoon, Sask.; Miss Isabel Gibson (Superintendent), Vegreville, Alta.

Chinese in Canada. Miss H. W. Davies, 20 William St., Brockville, Ont.; Miss Agnes Dickson, Apt. 6, 3420 Ste. Famille St., Mrs. Jean Herman, Apt. 34, 3797 Decarie Blvd., Miss Elsie Lee, c/o Miss Dickson, all of Montreal, Que.; Miss Esther Armstrong, 61 Grosvenor St., Miss Lily Yeung, 175 Dundas St. W., Mrs. Ma, 511 University Ave., Miss Mary Lambert, 161 Beaconsfield Ave., all of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. G. P. Louie, 403 Heatley Ave., and Miss Ruth Yeandle, 2039 Creelman Ave., Vancouver, B.C.; Miss Grace Lee, 942 Pandora Ave., and Miss Gertrude Scott, 1156 Pandora Ave., Victoria, B.C.

Travelling Secretaries. Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, Miss L. K. Pelton, Young Women's Secretary, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto, Ont.; Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary, Room 701, 372 Bay St., Toronto, Ont.

OVERSEAS

Bhil Field, India. Miss Christine Maxwell, Miss Marion Williamson, Miss G. Mary Sherrick, Miss Iris M. Errey, all at Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Amkhut, Alirajpur State, Central India; Miss Isabel McConnell, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Dr. Effie Winchester, all at Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Jobat, via Dohad, Central India; Miss Ellen Douglas (on furlough), 550 Campbell Ave., New Westminster, B.C.

Jhansi Mission, India. Miss Annie Lee Whatling, Miss Irene Stringer, Miss Lily A. Simpson, Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott, Mrs. Angus MacKay (temporary appointment), all at the Presbyterian Mission, Jhansi, U.P., India.

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*In the case of institutions in Canada, only names of principals and superintendents are given.

Formosa. Miss Hildur K. Hermanson, Miss Mildred Weir, Miss Ada E. Adams, all at 79 Miyamae cho, Taihoku, Formosa, Japan; Miss Alma M. Burdick, Miss Isabel Taylor, Miss Georgia Newbury, all at Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Tamsui, Formosa, Japan; Miss Margaret M. Ramsay, Miss Ruth Heighton, Miss Dorothy Douglas, all at 23 Kamitomizaka cho, Koishikawa Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

British Guiana. Miss Olwen Davies, c/o Lutheran Manse, New Amsterdam, Berbice, British Guiana.

Japan. Miss Jean C. MacLean, Nagamine Yama, Oishi Nada Ku, Kobe, Japan; Miss Mary Anderson (on furlough), Acton, Ontario.

CHURCH MISSIONARIES, OVERSEAS

Bhil Field, India. Dr. John Buchanan, Amkhut, via Dohad, Central India; Rev. A. Earl and Mrs. Toombs, Barwani, via Mhow, Central India; Rev. Charles P. and Mrs. Young, Mendha, Bhabra, via Dohad, Central India; Rev. D. E. and Mrs. McDonald, Jobat, via Dohad, Central India; Rev. Clarence L. and Mrs. Wood (on furlough), 2200-5th Ave. W., Vancouver, B.C.; Dr. John and Mrs. Howie (on furlough), No. 1 Luxor Apts., 549 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont.

Jhansi Mission India. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hawtin, Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacKay, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cheshire, all at the Presbyterian Mission, Jhansi, U.P., India; Rev. A. A. Lowther (on furlough), 1 Fenwick Ave., Toronto, Ont.

Formosa. Dr. G. and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor, Rev. H. A. and Mrs. MacMillan, the Presbyterian Mission, Taihoku, Formosa, Japan; Mr. George W. and Mrs. Mackay, Rev. James and Mrs. Dickson, the Presbyterian Mission, Tamsui, Formosa, Japan; Dr. Eugene and Mrs. Stevens (on furlough), 49 Ridout St. S., London, Ont.; Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Wilkie (on furlough), 5 Close Ave., Toronto, Ont.

Manchuria. Mrs. Jonathan Goforth (retired), 102 Wellesley St., Toronto, Ont.; Rev. Allan and Mrs. Reoch (leaving on furlough early in January), Rev. E. H. and Mrs. Johnson, Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Szepingkai, Manchuria, via Japan; Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Davis, Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Taonan, Manchuria, via Japan.

Koreans in Japan. Rev. L. L. and Mrs. Young, Rev. Malcolm Mackay, Miss Ethel G. MacDonald, all at Nagamine Yama, Oishi, Kobe, Japan; Miss Gladys Murphy (on furlough), Lake Egmont, Nova Scotia.

South China. Rev. Z. K. Zia, Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, China.

British Guiana. Dr. J. B. and Mrs. Cropper (retired), Better Hope Manse, Demerara, British Guiana; Rev. David and Mrs. Marshall, Miss Anne Storey, P.O. Box 288, Georgetown, British Guiana; Rev. James and Mrs. Dunn, Canadian Manse, New Amsterdam, British Guiana.

Superintendent of Chinese Missions in Canada. Rev. David Smith, 175-10th Ave. W., Vancouver, B.C.

Peace River District. Medical Missionary, Dr. Margaret Savage, Dixonville, Alta.

Treasurer's Statement

October 31st, 1936

RECEIPTS

A Friend, Carfare for Mrs. Adams	$ 5.00
A Friend, Chinese Work in Toronto	20.00
A Friend	25.00
Mrs. John Wilkie	5.00
Mrs. Munro, Quebec, Western Relief	100.00
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	5,682.19

PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:

Alberta	227.52
British Columbia	550.00
Manitoba	125.00
Ontario	11,450.00
Quebec	1,550.00
	$19,739.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 404.16
Vegreville	250.00
Chinese in Canada	818.93
Birtle Indian Residential School	681.11
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School	570.82
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School	5,682.19
Mistawasis Indian Day School	45.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
New Liskeard	122.31
Saskatoon	75.00
Vegreville	215.82
India:	
Bhil Field	115.00
Jhansi Field	66.66
Formosa	570.82
Japan	75.00
Organization	465.17
Publications	1,328.37
Student	81.00
Library	18.71
Lantern Slides	.49
Pensions	1,549.83
Education of Chinese Candidate	48.00
Insurance	156.50
New Missionary	8.00
Welcome and Welfare	1,373.58
Western Relief	100.00
Deputation	75.00
Exchange	15.85
Administration	398.36
	$15,386.68

RESERVE FUNDS

Special Fund—	
Collections on South Porcupine Accounts	$92.70
Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—	
Donation through Knox Church, Toronto	1.00
Interest	225.00
Legacy Fund—	
Estate of the late Mrs. Fraser, through Melville Auxiliary, Montreal, ''Barwani Dispensary''	150.00
Estate of the late Jessie Allan, Toronto	100.00
Interest	67.50
	$636.20

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN,
Treasurer.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Edmonton P.S.—Edmonton, C.G.I.T.; Wanham, Girls' Guild.

Westminster P.S.—C.G.I.T., Gordon Church, New Westminster.

Ontario

Algoma P.S.—Young Women's Auxiliary, Bar River; Mission Band, Bar River; Errey Mission Band, Massey.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—Chatsworth Mission Band.

Chatham P.S.—Mission Band, Knox Church, Windsor.

Glengarry P.S.—Knox, Junior Evening Auxiliary, Vankleek Hill.

Guelph P.S.—Blair Y.W.A., St. David's Church, Campbellville; C.G.I.T., St. Andrew's, Guelph; Girls' Guild, Acton; Community Club of 'teen age girls, under Presbyterian and United Church leadership, Fergus.

Hamilton P.S.—Louth Associate Society graduated to an Auxiliary; St. John's Y.W.A., Hamilton, to a Senior Auxiliary.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—New Girls' Group, St. Andrew's Church, Perth.

London P.S.—Two new Girls' Groups, New St. James Church, London; one new Girls' Group, St. George's, London.

Peterborough P.S.—C.G.I.T., St. Paul's Church, Peterborough; Senior Mission Band for 'teen ages, Campbellford; Girls' Guild, Colborne.

Saugeen P.S.—Young Women's Auxiliary, Amos Church, Dromore.

Stratford P.S.—Agnes Hamilton Mission Band, Motherwell; "The Sunshine Band", Knox Church, St. Mary's, Glengowan; St. Andrew's Church Mission Band, North Easthope.

Toronto P.S.—Islington, C.G.I.T.; Beaches Church, C.G.I.T., Toronto; C.G.I.T. (two groups), Runnymede Church, Toronto.

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